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*Explanation By Anthony Eden***Churchill And
Roosevelt****VEIL KEPT
TIGHT
OVER
MYSTERY**

Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt were almost the sole topic of conversation in Washington again yesterday but no single ray of light has been allowed by any official to illuminate the mystery.

NO CURTAIN OF SECRECY HAS EVER BEEN MORE TIGHTLY PUT OVER THE MOVEMENTS OF EITHER MR. CHURCHILL OR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED TIME.

The man-in-the-street now accepts as a fact that the meeting is taking place—only held theory being that President Roosevelt, who never flies, has been speeded to the rendezvous in a warship which was met by a plane carrying Mr. Churchill.

Many, however, think that neither Mr. Churchill nor President Roosevelt would risk being caught in a surface vessel and it seems more likely that the President went to his summer home, which is actually across the border into Canada, where Mr. Churchill could proceed by plane in a matter of hours.

No Better Time

This would also avoid the political implication of the British Premier setting foot on United States soil, as he would still be in the Empire.

There is a fervent hope in many Washington quarters that the two will meet because it is felt nothing could be better at this time than a complete understanding established face to face between these two great world leaders who are combining to wipe Hitlerism off the map.—Reuter.

**VICHY'S
ANSWER**

THE FRENCH REPLY TO AMERICA'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF FRANCE'S POLICY ON EMPIRE DEFENCE HAS BEEN HANDED TO ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY.

It was stated in Vichy yesterday that "the reply outlines the guiding principles of French policy on the lines defined by Admiral Darlan and General Weygand."—Reuter.

**SCHARNHORST
RETURNS
TO BREST**

The German battleship Scharnhorst has returned to Brest where it has docked and is undergoing repairs, says Reuter from London.

**TROOPS
POUR INTO
SAIGON**

A superficial lull continues to reign in the southern Indo-China political atmosphere as Japanese disembarkations tax port facilities to the utmost and an unceasing stream of truck convoys streams westward.

Almost the whole of the vast concentration of vehicles visible on Tuesday at the Saigon docks disappeared yesterday as troops again took momentary precedence and began discharging new thousands of troops.

The passage of troops and material is being expedited as speedily as possible with a minimum of detachments remaining in Saigon.

The Service Corps is rapidly installing military telephone lines between all important occupation centres and offices.

Mekong Bottleneck

It is understood the Mekong ferry, on the road to Phnompenh, is acting as a serious bottleneck, limiting truck passage to 80 a day.

The Japanese are commencing a large number of barges and junk and a considerable quantity of material is being shipped up the Mekong.

Spasmodic attacks appear in the Japanese press against Thailand.—Reuter.

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**Real Meaning
Of Regulations**

IN A STATEMENT ON THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION IN THE WAR DEBATE YESTERDAY, MR. EDEN REFERRED TO THE FREEZING MEASURES RECENTLY INSTITUTED.

He said: "These freezing measures are not, as seems to be thought by some people, framed to permit transactions which are not expressly forbidden. On the contrary, they automatically forbid all transactions except those which are expressly permitted.

"I cannot disclose details of the manner in which this policy is going to be applied. It will be worked out throughout with the closest collaboration and the frankest discussions between the British Government here, the Dominions, India, Burma and the Colonies and the United States and Netherlands Governments.

"The two latter Governments have furnished with full particulars and comprehensive information of their attitude.

"The same collaboration is continuing regarding the application and operation of these measures.

"It was bound to take a little time to exchange views and information necessary for a common understanding on such a far-reaching experiment as the freezing orders represent, but the work is now practically complete.

"THESE STEPS WERE NOT LIGHTLY TAKEN. THE FREEZING ORDER WAS SERIOUSLY INTENDED AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY EXECUTED.

Thailand Position

"As to the position of Thailand, the British Government have not failed to note that Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

"For that reason, on July 31, His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo drew the attention of the Japanese Foreign Minister to this newspaper campaign, which alleged, among other things, that we are intriguing in Thailand, that British military preparations are threatening Japanese interests and that in consequence Thailand should, in her own interests, come to an early understanding with Japan, the power which controls Indo-China.

"Our Ambassador pointed out that this kind of thing could only mean that someone in authority in Japan was endeavouring to manufacture a case for Japanese intervention in Thai territory.

Formal Assurance

"He added that if a step of this kind were taken, coming on top of the recent action in Indo-China, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Great Britain and Japan.

"SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE THEN GAVE TO ADMIRAL TOYODA A MOST FORMAL ASSURANCE (Continued on Page 16).

**NO PEACE
WITH HITLER**

The San Francisco "Chronicle" declares: "Peace with Hitler is impossible.

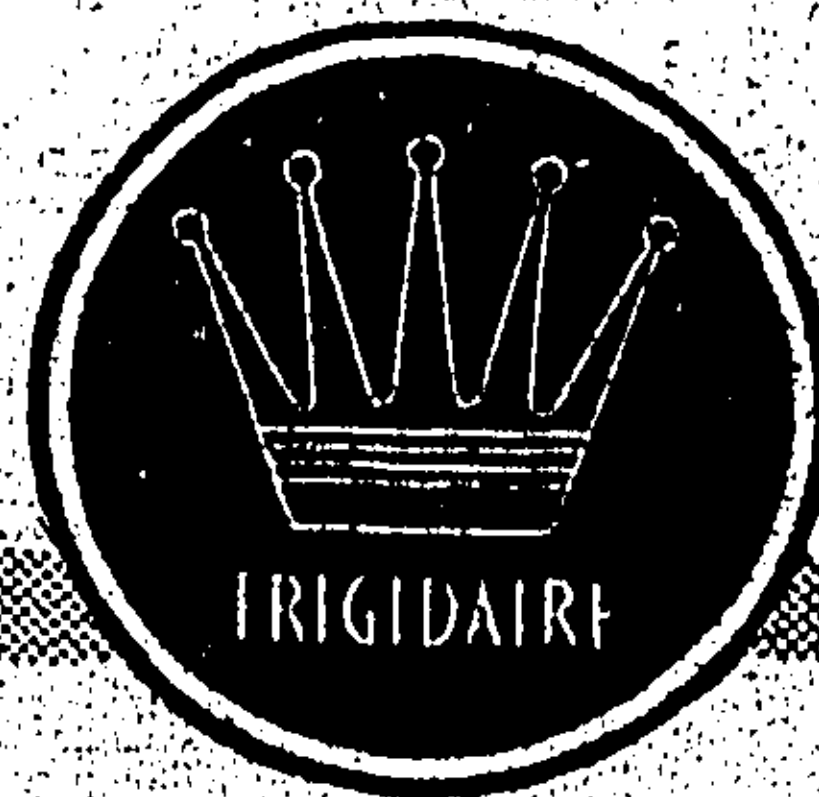
"Peace does not exist for him and his people do not realise what he has taken away from them.

"Peace with Hitler! Peace with the man who has never kept a promise except a promise of brutal savagery.

"There can be no peace until the Hitler machine is broken beyond repair."—Reuter.

**SOVIET ORDERS IN
U.S. FROZEN**

The United States has unfrozen millions of dollars worth of Soviet orders in America, according to a Reuter despatch from Washington.

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Japan Receives Warnings From America And Britain

MOVE INTO THAILAND DANGEROUS

A JAPANESE MOVE into Thailand would be considered as a step menacing American security and endangering American territory in the Pacific.

This was made clear by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull said the United States Government had made clear its vital interest and opposition to any moves of conquest in the Pacific and elsewhere.

He added that this applied to Thailand.

Referring especially to indications that Japan was already demanding military concessions there, Mr. Hull said the United States Government viewed these with increasing concern.

He expressed United States' interest in the integrity and independence of Thailand by referring to previous statements of policy regarding the south-west Pacific.

Mr. Eden's Statement

Any action which would threaten the independence and integrity of Thailand would be a matter of immediate concern to Britain, more particularly, as a threat against the security of Singapore, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday when speaking on the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Eden said that the British Government had not failed to note that the Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they had employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo had pointed out to the Japanese Foreign Minister that if a step of this kind were taken, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Britain and Japan.—Reuter.

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U.S. FOOD FOR BRITAIN AT A NEW PEAK

A STEADILY INCREASING volume of American food, now aggregating more than \$500,000 a day, is leaving United States ports for Great Britain, authoritative Agriculture Department sources disclosed.

Details of shipments, both as to quantities and dates, are guarded secrets. Department announcements of purchases lump both domestic relief and British aid purchases together. These have totaled \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 in the last four months.

The Agriculture Department has honoured British requisitions for more than \$50,000,000 worth of food under the lend-lease programme. Much of that is still stored at Atlantic ports, but shipments have been increased considerably in recent weeks, officials said.

Purchases of food for Britain have been well ahead of expectations last Spring, when the department estimated that they would total \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000 in the fifteen months ending July 1, 1942. Some officials now think they reach \$750,000,000 for the period.

The primary reason for the increased shipments has been an improvement in the British shipping situation in the North Atlantic.

Great Britain has been concentrating more of her ships on that route, her shortest "life line" for supplies of raw materials.

And More Still

Since the purchase programme for Britain began on March 15, the Federal Surplus Marketing Administration has been buying \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 worth of food a month. Domestic relief and school lunches require food worth about \$8,000,000 a month.

An official estimate, based on those figures for purchases, but the value of food bought for delivery to the British at about \$100,000,000. Officials said that a "large portion—probably in excess of 50 per cent" already had been shipped.

The largest purchase have been of lard, pork products, cheese, dry-skimmed, and evaporated milk, eggs, beans and cereals—foods which are high on the list of British needs. Purchases both for domestic relief and British aid since March 15 include:

Lard, 165,000,000 pounds; pork meat products (canned, cured and frozen), 172,000,000 pounds; cheese, 42,500,000 pounds; milk concentrates, 18,000,000 pounds; eggs, 100,000,000 pounds; dry beans, 173,000,000 pounds; wheat and oat cereals, 50,000,000 pounds; corn starch, 49,000,000 pounds.

Officials expect that an improvement in the Atlantic shipping situation during the next few months will result in an increased demand by the British for American food. They already are talking of a 25 to 50 per cent increase in allotments from any new lend-lease fund for the purchase of food.

PREMISES BOMBED 92 TIMES

OF THE 119 DEPORTS OF SLAVERS & BODEGA, LTD., THE LONDON CATERING COMPANY, 92 HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION. SOME HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

This was revealed at Guildhall when the company sought the protection of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act against an application by the City Corporation for a distress warrant for £3,817 rates.

It was stated that, in addition to direct damage, the company had suffered considerable loss of trade due to war conditions. For the time being they were unable to pay all creditors, but expected a revival of trade.

Alderman Sir Frank Pollitzer said he felt the firm were in a position to meet the demand, and adjourned the matter to enable them to pay the sum owing. He added that if they failed to do so he would have no alternative but to issue a distress warrant.

MALAYA DEFENCES IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS

THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA INCREASED THE MILITARY THREAT TO MALAYA AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DEFENCES IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, SAID LT-GEN. A. E. PERCIVAL, G.O.C., MALAYA, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY.

None could say what was going to happen in the Far East, he continued. We had no aggressive designs of any kind but everyone in all the Services and walks of life was determined to do their duty to their country and Empire in defending Malaya.

By the occupation of air bases in Indo-China, Lt-Gen. Percival added, the threat of a surprise attack had increased and this would be further increased if Japan decided to go to Thailand. The British troops were fit and ready for anything.

They had shown by recent feats that they are capable of marches hitherto not thought possible in this climate, while the Australians were specialising in bush warfare, sometimes remaining in the bush for three days at a time.

Vast Organisation

The equipment position was satisfactory. A very fast organisation was being built up to gather supplies from various sources and shortly a branch of the Supply Council might be established in Singapore, to further facilitate allocation.

He concluded that the large reinforcements which had arrived on July 19 and August 5 had shown the seas were still reasonably safe.

If a threat to Malaya developed these reinforcements would continue to flow in as they have done in the past.—Reuter.

MOBILE FORCE TESTED

Salisbury Plain Mock Invasion

Hundreds of our newest, heaviest tanks have just rumbled south over Salisbury Plain to trap a Panzer division and stop one of the most dangerous "invasion" attempts yet staged.

Imagine that part of our coast defenders have been pushed well back by German infantry divisions. Imagine that a Panzer division with its fast tanks and armoured cars is racing inland, bent on cutting off a good fat slice of England to make the landing of more German divisions safe.

That was the situation which faced Lt-Gen. the Hon. H. R. E. G. Alexander, commander of the rearguard at Dunkirk, and now G.O.C. Southern Command, when the "invasion" trial was only a few hours old.

Call On Reserves

So serious was the breakthrough that it was decided to call up the reserves, an armoured division equipped with heavy tanks as well as an infantry division.

At noon the reserve infantry division set off on their race to the battle-ground.

At dawn next morning their reconnaissance battalion had found the enemy and were patrolling the no man's land of Wiltshire roads and lanes in light armoured cars and in nippy little wireless-carrying "dingo" scout cars, which can whip into the enemy's lurking places and out again without turning, doing 50 m.p.h.

Better still, the reserve division's emergency headquarters, a half-detached country house commandeered overnight, was in full working order.

By the morning of the fourth day you could find, if you hunted the Wiltshire lands, fragments of the Panzer division, trapped by our tanks. The "invasion" was over.

LONDON CLUB CLOSES

THE FAMOUS POLITICAL CLUB, THE 53-YEAR-OLD JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL, KNOWN AS THE POWER-HOUSE OF CONSERVATIVE AND IMPERIAL IDEAS, HAS CLOSED.

Outside its premises at 111, Piccadilly, opposite the Green Park, a notice appeared announcing a future auction of all its furniture and fittings, including a well-stocked wine cellar.

A portrait of George V. by Richard Jack, which cost 2,000 guineas, will also be for sale. A large gash was made in this portrait by a bomb splinter on the night of November 15, when 1,000 windows were blown out of the club and extensive damage which would cost at least £7,000 to repair was caused.

On February 11 a meeting of about 50 members decided to dissolve membership of the club, and since that date notices have been sent to this decision.

YOUNG FLIERS WIN "WINGS"

R.A.F. Pilots From World Over

Forty youths stood to attention on the tarmac at the great moment of their lives. They had just won their wings, and were about to be presented with the R.A.F. flying badge by the Station Commander.

They had come from many parts of the earth to join the swelling ranks of those to whom Britain owes so much.

Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Eire, the Argentine, South Africa, Rhodesia, Belgium, China, and Portuguese East Africa were represented, besides Britain.

I chatted with many of the young fliers who had travelled thousands of miles and worked ceaselessly for that moment.

Pilot From Argentine

One, aged 25, came from Villavieja, in the Argentine. He was at Harrow School, and returned to South America to manage his father's 20,000-acre farm.

Out there, one gets the idea that things are much worse than they really are. I felt pretty rotten about it, especially after Dunkirk, so I decided to join the R.A.F., he said, adding with zest, "and I've had the finest time of my life in the past few months."

Another pupil, who had a Chinese father, was one of three to whom I spoke who, before the war, had been accountants.

Each pupil had a decided preference for a particular type of machine. A 20-year-old Welshman who had been a railway clerk at Chester expressed a wish for twin-engined fighters.

A 28-year-old accountant from Northern Ireland wanted to be a fighter pilot, because, he said, he would rather have nobody dependent upon him. Two others, to whom I spoke wished to be night fighter pilots.

The oldest pupil in this course, a married man of 31, with one child, came last year from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa. A Belgian, already a pilot officer, had been assistant professor of aerodynamics and aircraft construction in Brussels University.

CHEERFULNESS BREAKS IN

Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

Tribute To Fine Soviet Effort: Review Of War

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS CHEERED LUSTILY YESTERDAY WHEN THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, REFERRED TO THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND PEOPLE WHEN HE OPENED THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Attlee stressed the very heavy losses in men and materials by the German forces and gave an indication of the weight of the British air offensive, but he added caution against undue optimism.

There were, he said, satisfactory features in the present phase of the struggle which made it difficult for even the most philosophical to prevent cheerfulness from breaking in.

There was nothing wrong in being cheerful provided we did not allow ourselves to relax our efforts.

We should recognise that our better situation was only comparative and that although we had come through great dangers and triumphs, we were still fighting for our very existence against a very strong and ruthless enemy.

Outstanding fact of the position to-day as compared with a year ago was that Hitler was now fighting on two fronts, which German leaders had always striven to avoid.

Hitler had attacked Britain furiously by air. He had waged war unceasingly at sea but invasion, which at one time seemed imminent had been postponed.

But, said Mr. Attlee, nothing could be more foolish than to imagine that postponement meant abandonment.

Constant Factor

The possibility of an attempt remained and must remain a constant factor in our considerations.

Instructions had been given to all forces in the British Isles to bring to the highest state of readiness the preparations against invasion.

The British Army at home was well equipped and ready and all strength was immeasurably greater than 12 months ago.

He was confident that should a German attempt at invasion by sea or air take place they would be destroyed but nothing could be left to chance.

Gigantic Struggle

Mr. Attlee continued: "To-day our eyes are naturally turned to the gigantic struggle ranging from the White to the Black Sea. Throughout the whole of that enormous battle area, the Russian Army and people are putting up a magnificent fight (Loud Cheers) against the massed forces of Germany and the hangers-on of the Nazi regime.

"It would be very foolish for any one to attempt to forecast the outcome of that struggle, but I think it is abundantly plain the plans of the German High Command for a rapid victory have not succeeded (Cheers).

"As long ago as July 13, the Germans claimed that Smolensk had fallen and that the roads to Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev were open. This claim has certainly not been substantiated.

"In the far North, Murmansk remains in Russian hands, Russian resistance is stubborn and the enemy has a considerable way to go before the railway line from Leningrad to Murmansk is reached.

Smolensk Battle

"On the south shore of the Baltic, the thrust towards Leningrad has made no real progress recently. Tremendous fighting is now taking place in the Smolensk area but the way to Moscow is still far

from being open, while in the Ukraine, Kiev, the capture of which the Germans claimed three weeks ago, is still the bastion in the Russian defence.

"It is clear from a communique of the German High Command, that they have been disagreeably surprised by the determination, courage and fighting quality of the Russian Army (Cheers). From the tone of German statements, it would appear that they do not consider such pertinacity to be quite playing the game (Laughter).

"It may not be the Nazi game, but it is a winning game. It is clear the Germans have sustained very heavy losses in men and material. I am sure everybody has been stirred by this splendid resistance to the invader (Loud Cheers).

British Aid

Mr. Attlee continued: "We are doing our utmost to give all possible assistance to our ally. A British military mission was at work in Moscow six days after the German invasion and a Russian mission has been at work in London for about the same time.

"We are taking urgent steps to furnish Russia with war materials and supplies for which she has asked.

"The activities of our Fleet at Kirkenes and elsewhere in the north show how close is our physical contact with the Russian forces.

"Above all, while the Russian armies had been stemming the attacks in the east, our bombers are delivering increasingly heavy attacks on western and central Germany.

Heavy Bombings

"Whenever weather conditions allow our attacks proceed without cessation and with growing weight while the depth to which they penetrate increases while the nights lengthen.

"During the month of July 70 attacks were made on towns in Germany and 79 on towns in German-occupied territory. A heavy weight of bombs was delivered with great effect.

"THESE KEEN BLOWS WILL BE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED. (CHEERS).

"In addition to night bombing there have been numerous intensive sweeps by fighter aircraft and daylight bombing raids with and without fighter aircraft.

"I do not think there can be any doubt as to the effect of these attacks on German morale and German communications and German industry.

"In the Middle East during July our air force delivered 125 attacks on various targets, including Beirut, Benghazi and Tripoli.

Comparison Of Losses

"We have lost 285 aircraft while we have destroyed for certain 410 units of the enemy air fleet.

"In comparison of these figures with those of other periods of the war, when the ratio of aircraft destroyed was so much in our favour, it must be remembered that the true standard is not with September last, for then the Germans were attacking this country in force.

"It was the Germans who were sending their aircraft here in daylight. It is our turn to attack over enemy territory by night and by day.

"I think the result shows the continued superiority of our men and machines."

Declaring that he could not be expected to give any indication of other steps being taken to help Russia, Mr. Attlee said the House could rest assured that within the practical everything possible would be done.

Essential feature of the aid that Britain could give was not that it would be spectacular but that it would be effective.

Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Attlee said that during the past two months the Germans had continued the efforts to achieve success.

With the coming of spring the Germans were able to put an increasing number of U-boats into the water. Britain had made early provision to meet this danger by providing more anti-submarine craft.

In the course of the last few months, owing to the heavy scale of defence in home waters, the enemy had to tend to range further and further afield so that the sea battle was now being fought over an immense area extending far out toward the coasts of the United States and far south in the tropical seas of Africa.

In this battle, said Mr. Attlee, "we have of course suffered severe losses.

We shall not be satisfied while these losses continue but we can look back on the last two months with reasonable satisfaction.

"I cannot give detailed figures without presenting the enemy with information he would much like to have, but I can say that supplies have been maintained at a satisfactory figure in spite of all the enemy's efforts. (Cheers).

Convoys Get Through

"Our convoys of vital supplies continue to arrive. From July 11 to July 28 the enemy were unable to broadcast a single claim of a successful attack by a U-boat.

"HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE MONTH, U-BOATS DID MEET WITH ONE OF THE SOUTHBOUND ATLANTIC CONVOYS. A LARGE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AND A GREAT EFFORT WAS MADE.

"A still greater effort was made by the Nazi propaganda claim to have sunk 116,000 tons in addition to a corvette and a destroyer.

They gave a vivid description of a destroyer squadron sailing around the convoy zigzagging while an auxiliary cruiser directed the movements of the convoy and the protecting ships, which included Q-boats.

"Next day they raised the total tonnage sunk to 140,000 tons.

The Real Facts

"What were the real facts? There were no destroyers, no Q-boats and no auxiliary cruisers present.

The convoy was protected by corvettes, which gave a very good account of themselves, as the U-boats have reason to know.

"I cannot give exact details of the tonnage sunk. The enemy's claims represent an exaggeration of at least 350 per cent. and probably 700 per cent. (Laughter and cheers).

"If there were really some grounds for enemy satisfaction it would be unnecessary to indulge in these flights of fancy.

Holding Our Own

"None with any judgment would contend we have yet won the Battle of the Atlantic but we can say that in this vital part of the battlefield we are holding our own.

"The enemy has up to now failed to prevent the orderly transport of food and ammunition across the seas to this country.

"IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THE WAR AT SEA ALSO HAS ITS OFFENSIVE SIDE. JULY WAS A GOOD MONTH.

"On the North Sea and the Atlantic coast we destroyed, damaged or put out of action 69 enemy ships totalling 291,000 tons. This does not account for hits made on small craft, barges, tugs and the like.

"In the Mediterranean the numbers were 23 ships totalling 168,000 tons, and another 30 ships were hit and considerably damaged.

"Attacks were also made on more ships with satisfactory results. Apart from attacks on smaller units and attacks on warships, 459,000 tons were sunk, damaged or put out of action in that month." (Cheers).

FLORAL TRIBUTE

A number of Britain's fighting aircraft have been immortalised in the naming of new varieties of flowers after famous types in service with the R.A.F.

A firm of carnation growers known all over the world recently introduced several new hybrids bearing names of fighters, bombers and aero-engines forever linked with the great battles of the R.A.F. in the first year and a half of the war.

Among the fighters there is "Spitfire," described as "hafequin colouring;" "Hurricane" is a salmon pink; "Whirlwind" is a fine mauve; and "Defiant," taking evasive action, gets the sub-title, a lovely distinct fancy.

Bombers are commemorated in "Blenheim," a luscious red, possibly in recognition of the colour seen by its Nazi victims; and "Wellington," an apricot shade. The Coastal aircraft "Sunderland" and "Hudson" have respectively inspired the naming of a massive white carnation and one of wine shade.

"Merlin," the magnificent Rolls-Royce engine which powers many of the R.A.F.'s swiftest planes,

MODERN 'FANS' FOR MODERN AIRCRAFT

Parallel with the progress in aircraft and their power plants advances have been going on continually in that vital link between the two—the airscrew. In fact much of the advance achieved by modern aircraft has only been made possible through the more efficient airscrews with which they are fitted. To quote one example, the speed and all round performance of the famous Hurricane and Spitfire fighters was stepped up considerably by changing over from fixed wooden airscrews to a more modern type with variable pitch blades.

To those not initiated in the mysteries of aeronautics the "fan" as it is familiarly termed by fliers is just something which goes round and pulls the machine along. Recollections of the old time wooden "prop," a rigid two-bladed affair not unlike a ship's propeller, still linger. "Those outside the world of flying may not realise that the modern airscrew is a highly complicated piece of machinery, with hundreds of component parts. In some cases it even embodies its own electric or hydraulic motor and an automatic governor for altering the pitch, or angle of the blades. Incidentally airscrews are no longer "propellers" because they do not propel. They pull, being almost universally mounted in front of the engines.

Modern aircraft are now mounting motor of 2,000 or more horsepower in a single unit. That terrific power output has to be absorbed by those blades whirling round at 20 to 40 revs, a second and turned into forward motion with as little loss as possible. Clearance of the airscrew from the ground and the wing mounted guns limits the practicable size of the blades, and consequently there has been a tendency to employ more blades to each airscrew. First, three, now four bladed types have been evolved for modern high performance motors.

Variable Pitch

Aside from this change a great development has been made in the mastery of the technique of varying the pitch of the blades according to the work to be done. In a way this operation can be compared to changing gear on a motor car. The need for this change of pitch can be understood if one thinks of the different densities of the air at the different heights aircraft operate. Down below it is dense and heavy, and a fine pitch is desirable to slice through it at the most efficient driving angle. High up in the stratosphere it is thin and tenuous and to get sufficient thrust a coarser pitch is needed.

First step in this direction was the evolution of the manually controlled V-P (variable pitch) airscrew. The perfecting of metal alloys made this advance possible. First two-bladed, then three-bladed types were designed. Their higher efficiency was amply proved in the supreme test of war conditions. Next came the C.S. (Constant Speed) airscrew, in which the pitch can be varied throughout a whole range of angles, and can also be automatically controlled by a governor unit working off the engine.

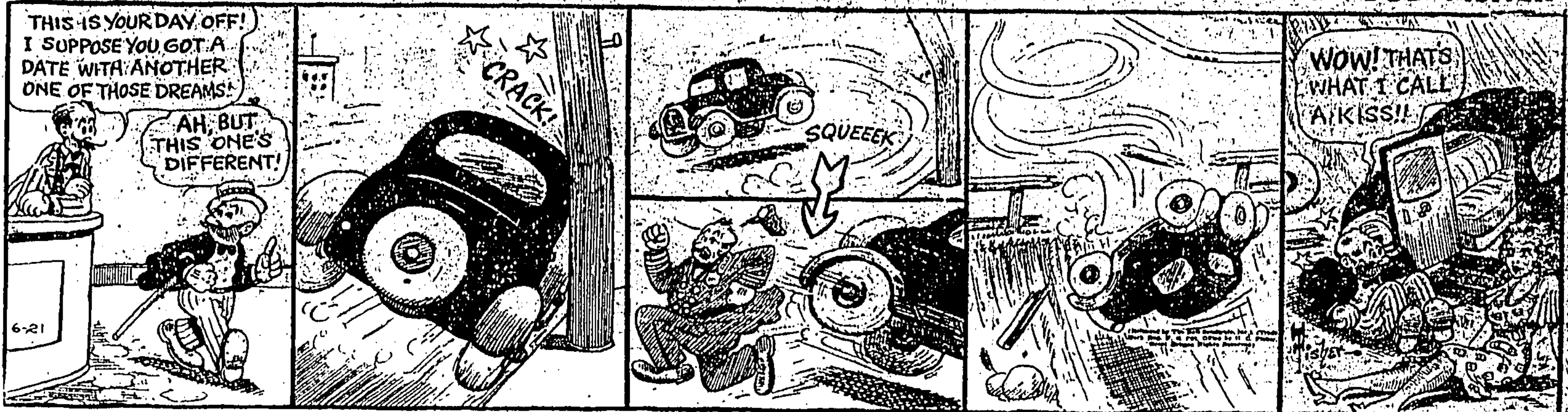
has as its namesake a bloom described as a gorgeous fancy.

Rose and other flowers are likely also to be given names in the tradition of the R.A.F.—names which will live as long as "Dorothy Perkins" and "Mrs. Simpkins."

One can visualise, in the days to come, some benign middle-aged gentleman shewing a visitor round his garden. "And that one there is 'Spitfire'—flew one myself in the Battle of Britain '40."

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER

NEW
W.A.A.F.
TRADES

Three new W.A.A.F. technical trades have just been opened for recruiting, and a limited number of technically minded young women now have new opportunities to work with the flying Service.

Probably most intriguing is the new job of cine operator. For this work young women from 17½ to 43 are eligible. Although an average intelligence is required, they need have no special technical knowledge, but previous operating experience is an advantage.

Charging Board Operator is another important job open to the W.A.A.F. The sort of women wanted is described as the intelligent type, aged 17½ to 43, dependable and physically strong enough to handle heavy accumulators.

Photographers holding City and Guilds certificates in photography or who have been employed in commercial photo studios are also in demand. No heavy camera

BIG CHANCE FOR
BRITISH IN
NORTH AFRICA

(By William H. Stoneman)

WHILE SYRIA can now be regarded as a finished job, the Germans in Libya are digging in around Solum and Halfaya Pass and showing no desire to do any fighting until after the Russian campaign.

During this lull, it will be the job of the British Empire troops, with heavy material assistance from the U.S., to consolidate their positions in both Syria and Iraq, to improve their position in regard to Iran, and to construct an impregnable line of resistance from Mosul to the borders of Libya.

work is required of them.

Besides these new trades, a few selected W.A.A.F. personnel are being tried out experimentally on other jobs of a semi-technical nature to see how far men can be released for the more strenuous work connected with aircraft maintenance.

Vast Supplies Needed

Vast supplies of planes, tanks and other material will have to be amassed, troops will have to be reinforced and rested, and fortifications will have to be strengthened, in anticipation of heavy German and Italian attacks at a later date. Presumably, that date will arrive if the Germans succeed in Russia, are still strong enough to launch out on a new campaign and decide that Britain is still too strong for invasion.

Since the Germans have considered invasion a risky business from the beginning, and since they are bound to be weakened by the Russian war, it seems logical to expect them to try the Near East campaign in preference to the other.

Steady Flow

Reports from the Near East indicate that American planes, tanks and other equipment are still being poured into Egypt in a steady flow. Syria's collapse, the lapse of the German offensive in North Africa and the virtual cessation of hostilities in Ethiopia promise that this flow can be continued uninterrupted until the Germans resume their offensive. If they do not resume it too soon Britain may be in a position to undertake an offensive of formidable proportions in an attempt to regain much that she and her allies have lost in the last three months.

If the Russians can hold for two or three months more, German reserves of men and material may be so depleted that such an Allied offensive would have real chance of success.

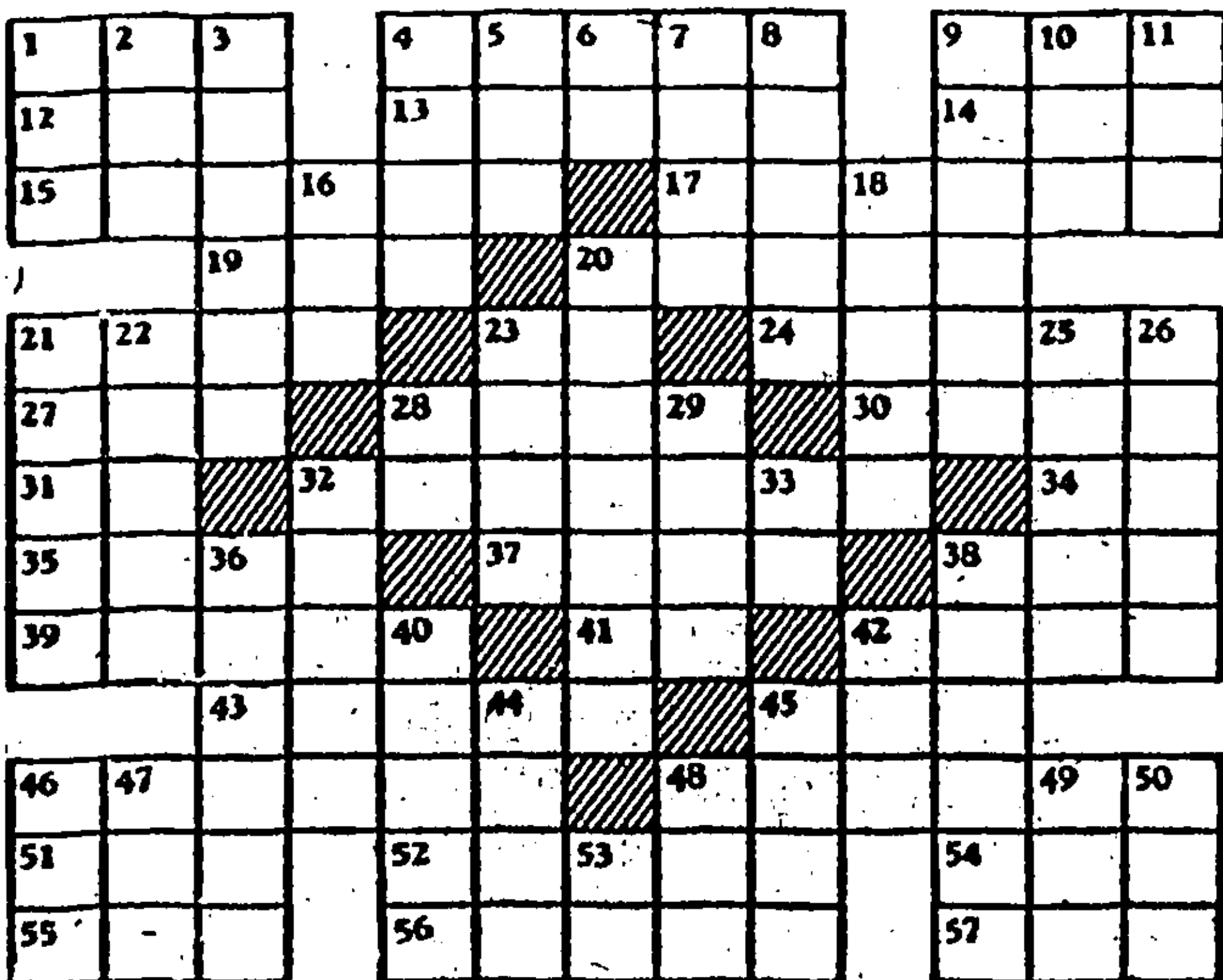
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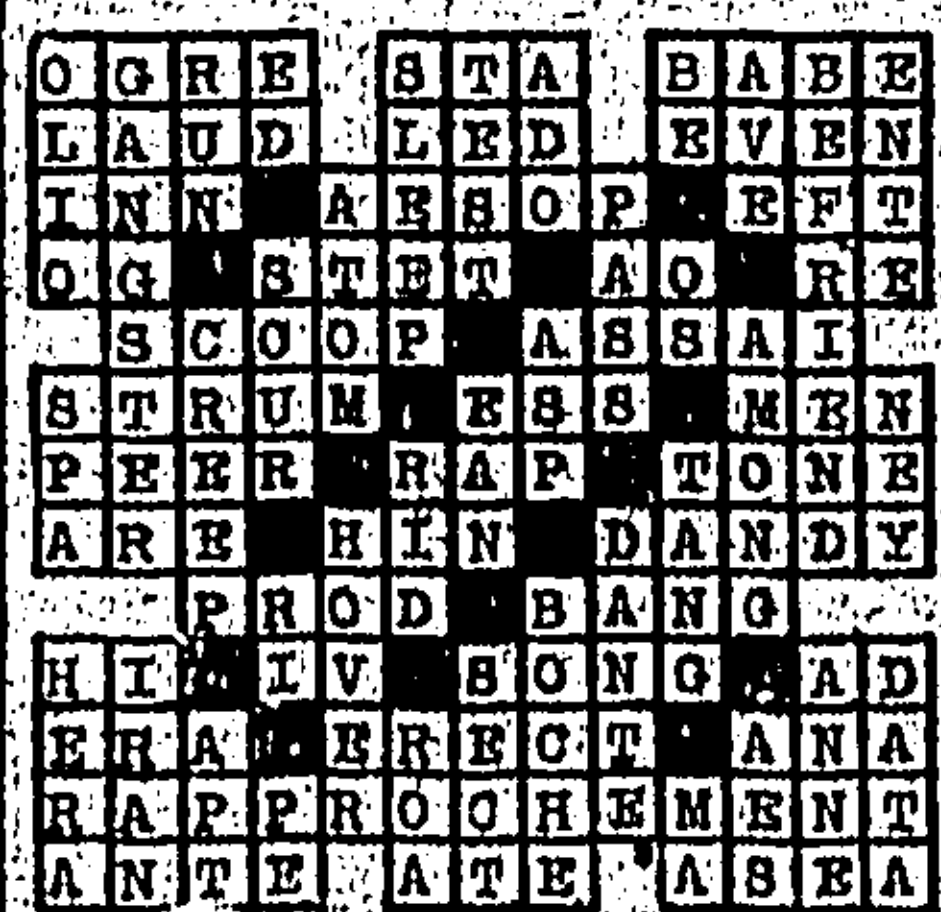
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Viper
- 4 To think
- 9 To discern
- 12 To observe
- 13 Thin metal disc
- 14 Australian bird
- 15 German composer
- 17 Level tract of land
- 18 Vase
- 20 To gaze
- 21 To change
- 23 Note of scale
- 24 To hang
- 27 Some
- 28 Cupola
- 30 Pertaining to the ear
- 31 You and me
- 32 Armoured wax vessel
- 34 Spanish article
- 35 Roman emperor
- 37 Dash
- 38 Peruvian tuber
- 39 State
- 41 Interjection
- 42 Allowance for waste
- 43 Fish-eating mammal

VERTICAL

- 1 Timber tree
- 2 Ocean
- 3 State of want
- 4 To begin
- 5 Slang: chum
- 6 Propaganda
- 7 Bird's home
- 8 Toward the centre
- 9 To reiterate
- 10 Devil
- 11 Owning
- 16 To remove moisture from
- 18 Mistake
- 20 Like
- 21 To boast of
- 22 Genus of geese
- 23 Accent
- 26 Part
- 28 To act
- 29 Eskimo settlement
- 32 Maxim
- 33 Proposition
- 36 Revolver
- 38 Fruit
- 40 Small cases
- 42 Indo-Chinese language
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- 46 Sounded
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SHANGHAI MAN SHOWS GREAT BRAVERY

Lieut.-Commander A. B. Palmer, R.N., an Australian, is known as "Stop-at Nothing" Palmer, because of his daring feats with the Mediterranean Fleet.

Letters received by friends in Sydney, and his sister, Mrs. F. Morse, of Roseville, tell of his adventures running supplies to Libya in the captured Italian schooner, Maria Giovanna.

The cables told how his craft repelled an attack by two Heinkel bombers. His gunner shot down one with an Italian Breda gun. "I got wounded three times in a recent show, but that's nothing," says Palmer in his last letter.

"This sea is lousy with mines, floating, anchored, and acoustic, and it is no trouble to make their acquaintance.

"Then there are 'subs', high, low, and dive-bombers, and infernal torpedo boats. I've experienced them all."

Palmer's greatest feat was when air and sea forces made a concentrated attack on a number of small British ships taking supplies to Tobruk.

His superb seamanship enabled his craft to get through, while the other vessels were lost. He was piped on the flagship and honoured at a dinner by 170 officers of the fleet.

And in the following letter to a local resident, Lieut.-Commander Palmer gives his own version of life in the Royal Navy:—

I know I'm a heel and deserve all you have said about me, or even thought, but—, so help me, am I a hard-working gal these days, all the glamour that was attached to this man's Navy has gone and we are down to the grindstone in a big way. Of course I would join at a time like that. I always say the only thing I consistently do right is the wrong thing. . . .

How is the golf. —? you seem to have blossomed out with good cards, after I slid out from the partnership. Probably my bad play held you back "Ole Son," the old adage of incentive was not present. Anyhow, the days of golf on that Race Course were damn fine. I wish I could get out there for another game this Sunday. Damn trouble here, —, is no exercise at all. At sea I have long hours, and I'm on my feet for days, but active exercise, nothing doing, and furthermore time ashore is so limited no serious game can be undertaken — nice golf courses here too.

How is the "Troop"? I often wonder if I'll ever meet any of them over here. I have met several chaps that I never expected to; Rodgers or Allman will remember a chap that was in the Troop in 1932, called Harkess (George Harkess); well I met him in a local pub, hadn't seen the chap for nine years, yet he remembered me, and best of all, I remembered him also, and said

his name, that to me, dear friend,
was a darn good effort. I forget
things so easily nowadays, and I
can ill afford to do so.

Tony Keswick is over here somewhere. I had, serving as my First Lieutenant, none other than Earl Beatty, his father was C-in-C last war, featured prominently at the battle of Jutland. Beatty has gone now, he wanted some other ship or some job ashore. I forget which. I'm invited to live at his castle any time I arrive in England. How Am I Doin' _____?

The war has taken a turn for the better, this attack on Russia will give the British a good opportunity to start something. I hope they do at least. . . . The States are doing a good job. I see supplies everywhere made in U.S.A.

Four or five times a week for a year officials on the Franco-Swiss frontier allowed Miss Maris Ginsberg to pass with her car-load of food and clothing for refugees in concentration camps.

They got to know her so well that they never bothered to look through her cargo.

That is how she was able to bring more than 6,000 people to freedom.

Buried among the parcels were passports of many kinds acquired by Miss Ginsberg from sympathetic consulates.

To leave France it is necessary to have a French exit visa which men of military age were unable to obtain. So Miss Ginsberg disguised her refugees.

Eventually Miss Ginsberg's telephone calls were tapped and she left for New York.

They can fake almost anything in Hollywood these days. An imitation blitz is nothing to them.

But when it comes to beer, they're beat. And so, it appears, is George Raft.

He's just been making a new film, "Man Power." In one scene with Marlene Dietrich he had to

Bodies of 30,000 Italian soldiers, apparently from sunken Italian troop transports, have been washed ashore in Tunis, North Africa, states Columbia Broadcasting System, New York.

EXPERTS SEE U.S. 'PLANES

After spending all day looking over every type of fighter and bomber from America, 250 of Britain's leading aircraft designers and test pilots paid glowing tributes to the 'planes.

It was the biggest conference of such experts ever held in Britain. Machines from the little Tomahawk fighter to the great four-engined Liberator bomber were lined up in three ranks at an aerodrome.

As the types of machines America is now sending us run into double figures, there was plenty of material for study.

The planes made an imposing picture, reminiscent of the Hendon pageant. Designers and builders took off their coats. They scrambled into machines, crawled beneath them, and climbed ladders to pry into the engines.

All Britain's aircraft industry was represented. Designers, directors of British aircraft companies, test pilots, Atlantic "Ferry" pilots and members of the Society of Aircraft Construction conferred.

One English designer whose name will be a household word when the war is ended, said to a group round a Havoc night-fighter. "We must have speed and altitude. The war is being fought at 40,000ft. and the engine which gives the maximum boost at altitude is the one which is going to see us through."

The company cheered when they heard that the Havoc had taken its toll in the night's bag of 33 Nazi planes shot down.

Executives were present from the Ministry of Aircraft Production factories responsible for the assembly of the United States fighters. They were anxious to help designers to seek out the finest features of the American planes to build into our own, for we are exchanging our secrets with America.

Many of the air experts expressed the opinion that British designers could help America in the development of operational equipment, particularly armament. There was high praise on the smoothness of our technical co-operation with American designers and builders.

drink beer—and it had to be the real stuff.

The scene was shot six times, reports the B.U.P. Six bottles of beer inlaid George Raft. His speech became somewhat slurred.

George doesn't like beer, either. Each mouthful hurt him.

But, as he said, a little indistinctly, a man has to earn a living somehow.

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UNASSIMILATED

From the Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed. Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There all but three of the eighteen Provincial Governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling. Three are under arrest, and these presumably are the three left nominally in office. For the vacant places there are available only the subservient dregs of the population who seek German favour by submission to any and all German demands. They command neither the respect nor the co-operation necessary to authority.

German punishment of such intransigence is prompt, but thus far it has been ineffectual. Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country. But it will not profit the occupying Power. Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline. Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise. Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun.

"LEAVE THEM ALONE"

Like the policeman's life of the Italian soldier is not a happy one. Occasionally he may be called upon to fight, which is bad. But when tired of fighting he can always surrender. He has his way out. At home rations may be short. His spaghetti and olive oil may in his view be less than he needs to keep in good form. But he has his consolations in the past. They say that women always fall for a uniform, forgetting that it is not the pants but the personality that counts. And if one happens to be an officer, with gold braid here and there about the person, then one may even aspire so high as a chorus girl; for chorus girls are notoriously fond of gold braid, ranking it second only to the gold itself. Now, however, the "Popolo d'Italia" has come out with a warning to Italian chorus girls to "leave the army alone." In addition they are forbidden to wear pseudo-army uniforms on the stage or to do the Italian



GO PICK ON SOME OTHER "GUYS"

The Writing On The Wall

Dr. Goebbels recently informed neutral journalists in Berlin that Germany must end the war this year. Germany's only object, he said, is to expel Britain from Europe and to secure peace by the defeat and conquest of the British Isles. Hitherto, he explained, the weather has been unfavourable, but three weeks of fine weather in succession will show what German aircraft can do.

German aircraft can do much. They have been bombing London

goosestep. The goosestep is the prerogative of the "glorious soldier," however much he may not like it. This is as hard upon the soldier as it is upon the chorus girl, but no doubt the warning was issued with the best of intentions. Once upon a time it was believed that semi-military displays encouraged the martial spirit. Perhaps they still do, but the authorities have discovered that if there is no martial spirit to be encouraged, they may encourage other things less desirable. The goosestep is in itself a harmless method of proceeding from one spot to another, though it may be slow and a trifle fatiguing. The spectacle of somebody else doing it on the stage may have softened some of the horrors of war for the Italian soldier and sown the seeds of a belief that he may not look when he is doing it quite as foolish as he may feel. But now even that small consolation is denied him. It seems that the Italian authorities have only to cut down the speed limit on the stage and the drama will have no appeal to the military mind at all.

and other British cities again. British aircraft have not been inactive — as the Germans know. But last year Britons saw what German aircraft can do in fine weather. During August and September, 1940, the weather favoured them. Then they outnumbered British and Allied aircraft by three to one. Hitler had announced his arrival in London on August 15. He failed to arrive. His aircraft were shot down by

By Wickham Steed

the numerically inferior British and Allied aircraft at the rate of more than three German losses to one British and Allied loss. Thus he lost the first Battle of Britain. It may have been the decisive battle of the war.

Britons Remember

If Dr. Goebbels has forgotten what happened then, Britons have not forgotten. They know, too, that the quality of British aircraft and pilots to-day is equal to their quality last year, and that they are no longer outnumbered by three to one. So Britain awaits fine weather without trepidation.

I have just read an analysis, by a competent German expert, of Hitler's attempt to defeat and conquer Britain last year. Unlike some British experts who believed that Germany then used only a part of her first-line air strength against Britain, the German expert declares that in September 1940 Hitler used all his available aircraft in the battle. After the failure of the first German attack in August, Hitler and Goering felt that they must throw everything into the attempt to defeat Britain. The German expert reckons that in the two attempts German losses in pilots and crews were between 17,000 and 18,000 trained men, including the pilots and crews lost while trying to land at their bases in machines which British and Allied airmen had damaged.

British official figures of German losses took no account of these damaged machines. Only German aircraft actually destroyed

ed over England or forced down into the sea were counted. If this German expert is right, Dr. Goebbels may feel less confident than he seems that Britain will be defeated and conquered this year. Yet he is right in supposing that in order to secure peace Nazi Germany must defeat and conquer the British Isles. Britons think it will not be easy, either this year or at any future time.

In September 1914 Germany was heavily defeated at the first battle of the Marne. The defeat was hidden from the German people until the spring of 1918. When they heard of its truth spirit broke. One day the German people will also learn how heavily Hitler was defeated in the Battle of Britain last year. Then their spirit may be shaken once again. General Milch, who created the German air force, has urged them not to give way to despondency. Before long the German people will certainly have cause to know how powerful British aircraft have become.

Germany also has reason to understand the meaning of the Lease-and-Lend Bill. In material help to Britain its effects will be remarkable. But there are political and moral sides to the Bill which neither Hitler nor Goebbels can overlook. I think the passing of the Lease-and-Lend Bill the most significant event in Anglo-American history since the North American colonies declared their independence of Britain in 1776. For the first time in Anglo-American history the British people have won not only the respect but the admiration of a great majority of United States citizens. This has never happened before. Nothing like it happened even in the war of 1914-1918. And if it has happened now there are two main reasons for it.

The Two Reasons

One reason is certainly a conviction in the United States that British resistance to Nazi Germany is the first line of defence for the Western Hemisphere. But another and more potent reason is a belief that Britain is not fighting for British imperialism or for any territorial ambition. Britain is seen to be fighting the foes of human freedom whom it is the moral duty no less than the interest of the United States to help Britain and her Allies to defeat and destroy.

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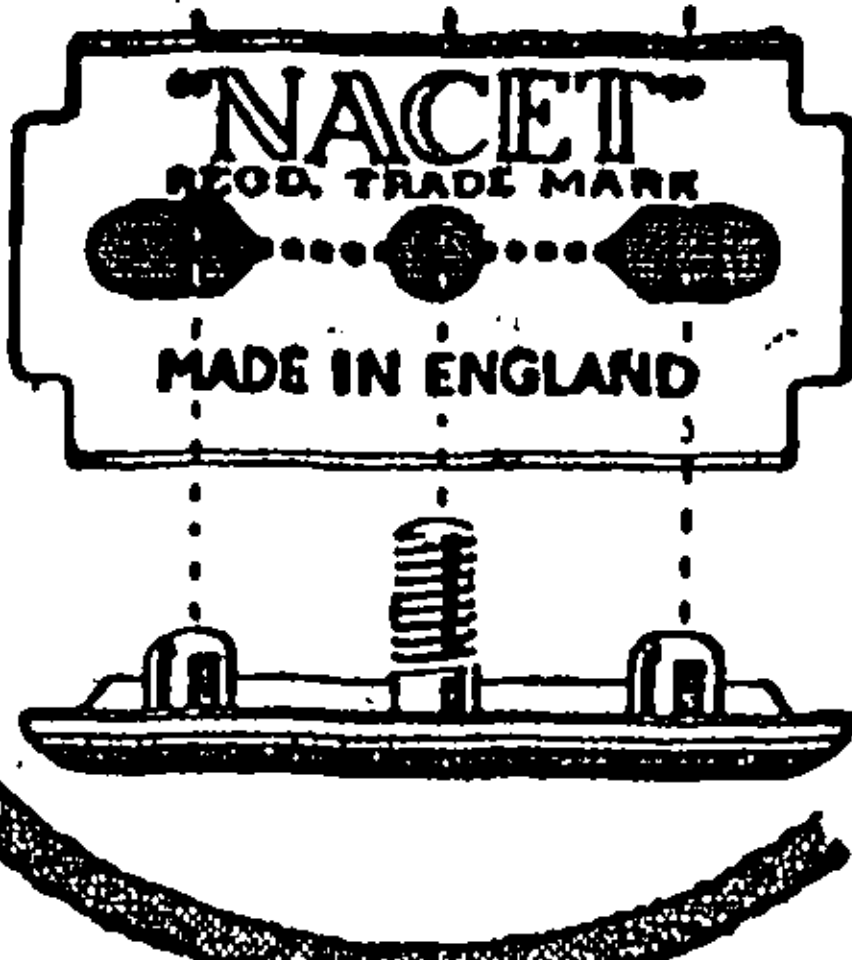
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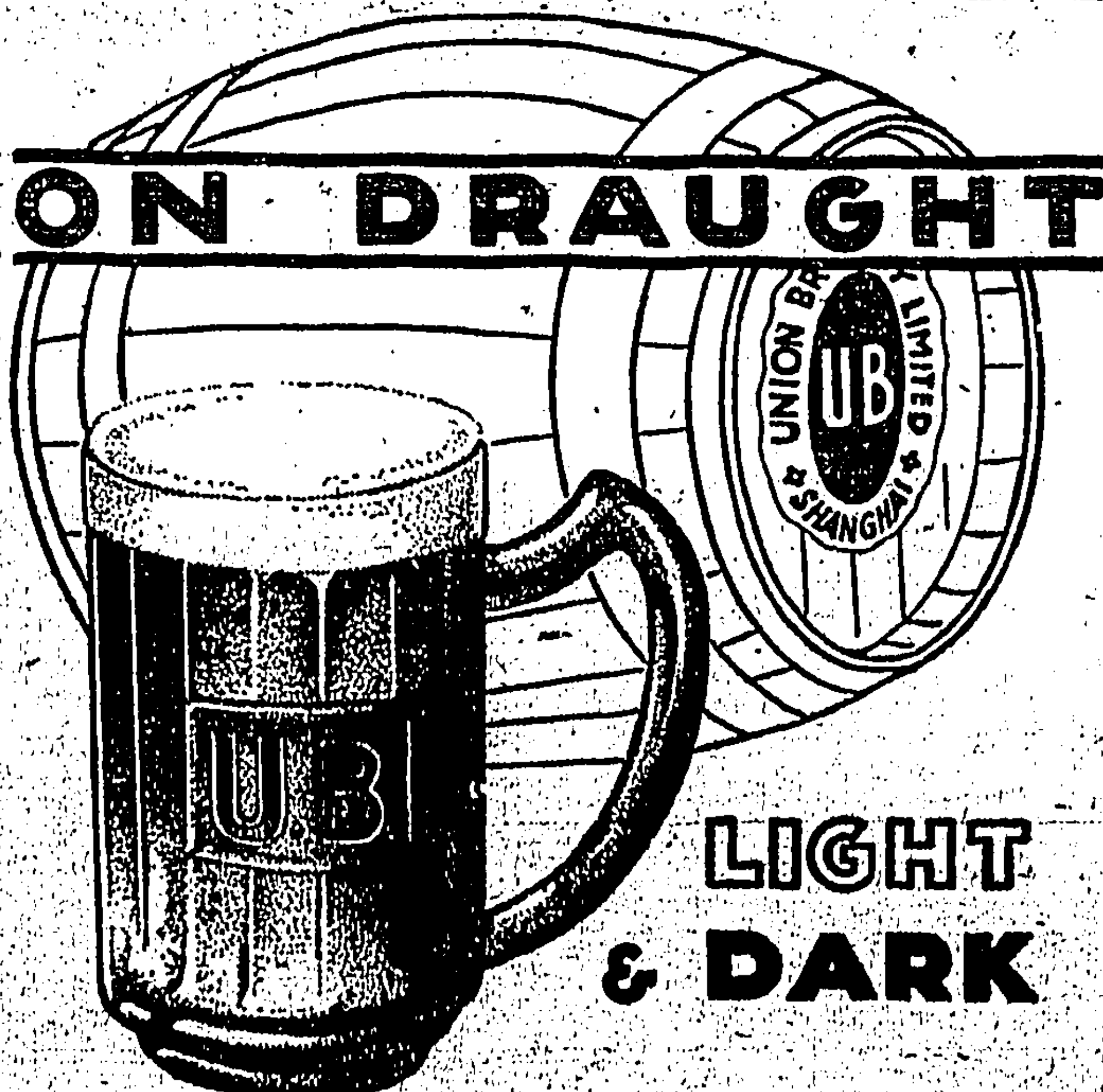
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NORTH CHINA UNRUFFLED BY EVENTS

AS USUAL, all the exciting events taking place in the world outside — Russian-German war, change of cabinet in Japan, and so forth — have completely failed to ruffle the placid surface of life in Peiping. The only display of political interest of any kind has been a languid and, one must say, somewhat belated celebration in honour of the recognition of the Nanking government by eight Axis Powers.

The little interest shown by the Chinese in this recognition business is evidenced by the fact that I have not yet met a single educated Chinese who could give you offhand the names of the eight countries that have recognised Nanking. (I must admit I can only do so myself with considerable doubt and hesitation and by counting them off carefully on my fingers). While, if you ask any ordinary Chinese where Slovakia is, he will reply "Who knows?"

Recently an open-air meeting, under the auspices of the Hsin min hui and the Peiping Municipality was held outside the Tai ho tien in the Forbidden City. It was attended by high Chinese and Japanese officials and the diplomatic representatives of Germany, Italy and Spain. There were also marched up, to give body to the meeting, a few thousand students and school children.

The celebrations appear to have been staged for a dual purpose, to kill two birds with one stone, so to say. For they were also used as an opportunity to advertise, and make the public acquainted with the second Public Security Intensification Campaign, which is supposed to be at present under way. Exactly what this campaign is about remains a mystery to everyone—even to its sponsors apparently—all the more as people have been repeatedly told that north China has been completely pacified.

Anyhow, the Peiping public is about as peaceful and subdued, as well could be, these days. This is on a par with some of the propaganda slips used in the campaign which are pasted on rickshaws and telegraph poles, calling on the public to "oppose the policy of resistance to the end." Seeing that local inhabitants have never shown the faintest signs of resistance, ever since the Japanese marched in here four years ago, it is not clear, how any opposition of theirs, is likely to affect Gen Chiang Kai-shek's policy in Chungking.

However, to return to the meeting—the Public Security Intensification Campaign seems to have weighed more on the minds of the Chinese officials than the recognition of Nanking. The mayor, for instance, after a short, perfunctory reference to the kindness of the eight Axis Powers, appealed to the meeting to continue its effort for the "new order" and then proceeded to explain the idea behind the intensification campaign.

German Counsellor Speaks

The Counsellor of the German Embassy also addressed the meeting, but with marked caution and ambiguity. After the usual obligatory platitudes about the "new order in east Asia," he declared oracularly that "During the past years German and Chinese relations have been greatly improved and become much closer. (Presumably when Germany was recognising the Chiang Kai-shek Government). With our recognition of the Nanking government as the Central Government of China German-Chinese relations will remain unchanged."

The idea probably is that, if things do not happen to work out according to the Nazi plan, the Germans will turn round and say "Well, it was a Chinese government we were recognising, anyhow, wasn't it?" Although the Axis Powers have now recognised the Wang Ching-wei government in Nanking, and have, therefore cut adrift from their former policy, there has so far been no talk of their closing up their branch embassies here.

Change Of Command

There has been a certain amount of speculation, as to whether the change of Japanese commanders in north China

will make any difference. Gen. Okamura, the new commander-in-chief of the North China Garrison, is reputed to be a very "go-ahead" personage. Be that as it may, it is not clear in what direction he could go ahead politically—as things stand here at present—nor militarily either, without considerable reinforcements.

Some remarks that the outgoing commander, Gen. Tada, is reported to have made in a farewell speech before his departure, would seem to show that he was not unaware of the true state of relations between the two peoples and also, by the way, that he has a considerable sense of humour. In a speech at a farewell dinner party in honour of the general, Mr. Wang I-tang, chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission, referred to the fact that the general was an old Peiping hand, having been here on three different occasions: first as captain, then colonel and finally as general, and hoped to see him next time as a field-marshal, or words to that effect.

Sino-Japanese Relations Worse

Gen. Tada in reply said, it was true that he had been in Peiping in three different ranks, but he had noticed that each time he had been here, relations between the Japanese and Chinese had been a little worse. He therefore regretted that his military career had not been the other way about; on a descending scale.

Much speculation and rumour has been caused by the cancellation of the express to Fusan on two successive mornings. Some say it is due to troop movements to Manchoukuo or Mongolia, though, in that case, it is not clear why just this particular express train should have been taken off.

Other stories have it that it has been required to take a party of important Japanese back to Korea. If that is so, it seems strange the Japanese should have made such a mystery of the cancellation and clamped down a strict censorship on all mention of it.

GETS TWO HUNS ON BIRTHDAY

The leader of a fighter auxiliary squadron recently celebrated his 25th birthday by shooting down two Messerschmitts in the Channel and reached his aerodrome in time for tea.

His squadron destroyed six aircraft that day; the best daylight performance by any Fighter Command squadron for months.

The squadron leader, who fought in France with a Hurricane squadron, won the D.F.C. last November. He then had six enemy aircraft to his credit.

Two other pilots of the squadron each got two victims, one of them a sergeant-pilot, was in action for the first time. A quick

RATIONED SHAVES

Owing to the shortage of barbers in Birmingham many shops are rationing shaves. Others have stopped shaving altogether.

Clients are voluntarily rationing their haircuts by half.

Hairdressers' assistants who have gone into factories are now cutting hair in the works to save men waiting in barbers' saloons.

RISKED LIFE FOR ENEMY

Clinging to a life line hanging from the side of his ship, an eighteen-year-old midshipman battled desperately through the storm-swept sea in a bid to rescue a German rating from the sunk Bismarck.

From the deck of a British ship he had seen the exhausted German clinging to the rope.

Four times he was half way up the lifeline to safety only to be swept away.

The midshipman stripped off his jacket and plunged in.

He found the German at last, tied the rope round his body. Together they were slowly hauled through the waves towards the British ship.

Half-way up a wave heeled the ship, flung the two men against the side and swung them away again. The midshipman lost his hold and he and the German rating fell back.

In the short time he had before his ship moved off, he battled through the sea again, found another life line and was hauled safely aboard.

"I just couldn't see that fellow go down after the terrific effort he'd made," he said.

PRIMATE'S PLEA ON WAR AIMS

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, DR. LANG, BROADCAST A MESSAGE FROM A LONDON MEETING CONVENED BY THE "SWORD OF THE SPIRIT" ORGANISATION. THIS WAS CREATED BY CARDINAL HINSLEY TO GIVE A LEAD ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE.

"The first aim of this tremendous struggle we are engaged in," said Dr. Lang, "is the destruction of this powerful evil force and the liberating of the nations which are now held in bondage under its sway."

Speaking of what would happen when peace came, he said it was unthinkable that men should not be setting themselves to conserve an order of civilisation better than that which was being destroyed before their eyes.

"We cannot, dare not, wait until the war is over," he declared. "It will help us in the immediate struggle if we can see beyond the distress and darkness some promise of the coming of a better day."

burst accounted for the first, which immediately went down towards the sea. The second took the full force of another burst, and crashed in flames.

PASSENGER TELLS OF C.N.A.C. 'PLANE BOMBING

GRAPHIC DETAILS which were impossible to include in the brief wireless messages that reached Shanghai concerning the bombing of a China National Aviation Corporation 'plane on May 20 near Suifu by Japanese bombers were revealed in a letter written by one of the passengers on the luckless aircraft to a Shanghai resident.

It may be recalled that three Americans were on the aircraft together with many other passengers but all managed to escape unscathed.

BOMBS FALL ON MARKET

(By A Dover Correspondent)

A busy market-place in the centre of the Dover area was selected as a target by prowling Nazi bombers. Market men and women and large numbers of shoppers in a nearby street had narrow escapes.

I was in a building a few feet away at the time of the attack. There was no sound of aircraft. Dense low cloud obscured the sun, and a blanket-like mist only a few hundred feet above ground hung over the streets. Then, like bolts from the blue, six high-explosive bombs crashed down. Three of them fell in the centre of the town. I found myself at full length on the floor, with the wall of the building shivering violently as the succession of bombs crashed down.

I struggled to my feet and saw two palls of smoke leap up from the market-place across the road. Debris was flung in all directions.

Buried Under Debris

Running to the market-place I found a huge hole through the roof, and stalls of fish, vegetables and other foodstuffs hurled into confusion. Women were being dragged from the debris.

Another bomb fell near, but while A.R.P. workers gave "fireman's lifts" to two young girls who had been badly shaken and buried under the wreckage, the market men and women set an example which I shall long remember.

Even while cuts and bruises were being dressed they were busily engaged in reproducing order in their shattered market-place. Half an hour later stalls had been righted.

As I was coming away a man appeared at one stall run by a woman. "Why didn't you turn up at the time you promised?" asked the woman jokingly. "Now your eggs have been bombed."

WE MUST WIN ON LAND

Tank Chief's View

MAJOR-GEN. GIFFARD LE Q. MARTEL, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL ARMoured CORPS, SAID IN LONDON: "BOMBING ALONE WILL NEVER WIN THE WAR. BOMBING GERMANY CANNOT SUBJUGATE THE GERMANS ENTIRELY. HOWEVER HARD YOU BOMB THEM."

"The important clash in battles of the future must be between the armoured divisions. We have the advantage that we can mechanise the British Army to a greater extent than the Germans. We live on the land and we must beat them on the land."

"America will have to produce more and more tanks. I am very pleased with the type of tank that we are using now — but the experiments go on. What we want is the dual-purpose tank with great hitting power and speed."

SMALLER CHEQUES TO SAVE PAPER

Bank cheques are to be made smaller to save wastage of paper.

This was announced by the Minister of Supply in Parliament.

THINGS QUIET IN WEIHAIWEI

Summer vacationers who consider Weihaiwei the ideal resort to go to escape from the heat and grime of the city will find things peaceful in the northern port once they have landed, according to a letter received by a Shanghai resident from a holiday-maker there.

Visitors to Weihaiwei should have their cholera and smallpox vaccination certificates dated as nearly as possible to the time of departure, as new certificates are required every three months. Cameras and photographic equipment and accessories are taboo, being looked upon with disfavour by the authorities states the writer whose letter follows:—

"Conditions here are perfectly peaceful once you have landed, and, in fact, I had no trouble at all because I left all my baggage in the hands of the hotel servant and he did all the worrying with the Water Police of a certain nationality.

Perfunctory Search

"The excuse they make for tearing all the baggage to bits is that a well-known Shanghai gentleman accidentally left two guns in his trunk—so now they pounce on everybody and search men, women and children. Actually they did not search me because I walked through saying "good-morning, good-morning, good-morning," to everyone concerned, which so shook them that they weakly replied "good-morning" and let it go at that. Mrs. N. says that the three ladies in her party were searched — but I think it must be a very perfunctory affair, because nobody else has complained.

"If anybody asks you about the position here it is safe to say that the feeling with the Japanese authorities is very good: a senior officer of the landing-party has called round at the hotels and foreign houses and explained personally that 'the authorities want to make things as easy as possible for summer visitors, but they must be careful not to bring any firearms, not to photograph soldiers or any military or naval objects, not to carry binoculars outside your own premises, and not to use an electric torch outside your own garden at night."

Officer Most Polite

"Actually the articles on which the water police pounce are cameras and any fitting that go with them, binoculars, and electric torches: if they seize these (they did not happen to seize mine) you have to go to Headquarters and claim them personally. This causes some trouble, and gives them the chance to read the Riot Act mentioned above before they return the things to you. I am told that the officer who called on the hotels etc. was most polite and can only repeat that once you are landed everything is just as peaceful as ever. I forgot that F.R.B. currency should be brought—you can pay your ship's bar account by cheque."

The C.N.A.C. 'plane was flying from Chungking to Chengtu when it was caught in the middle of Japanese air operations. The pilot immediately grounded the 'plane but it did not escape the eye of the Japanese squadrons. According to the letter, no less than 212 bombs were rained down in the region of the 'plane.

'Plane Is Hit

One of these struck the right wing of the aircraft but fortunately all passengers had fled into the hills by that time. After a harrowing experience, the passengers were taken to their destination by a rescue 'plane from Hong Kong.

"We got away at 9.30 a.m. and were in the air only twelve minutes when Chungking had an alarm, and we learned through the radio that there were six batches of 'planes up and four of them headed our way. We then changed our course and went to Suifu and came down. We had then been up one and one-half hours.

Flight Into Hills

"We left the 'plane, got some noodles and sat down to wait. Messages came thick and fast. Japanese pursuits were up and about. Then we learned they were coming directly our way. We all left the field and the passengers and the crew fled to the hills.

"We did not have long to wait until 26 'planes came straight for us. We held our breath and waited the inevitable. Two hundred and twelve bombs were put down right beside us with a fury that beggars description. The concussion was terrific. It almost blew me off the ground.

Gasoline Catches Afire

"The 'plane was struck, one bomb going straight through the right wing and dozens of bombs all around the 'plane, almost outlining it on the ground. Why it did not catch on fire is a miracle. We had left our baggage inside as we had no time to get it out. Mud and rock was thrown far up the hillside, but no-one was injured or killed. However, two pigs, two goats and a few chickens were killed.

"Then we discovered that the gasoline drums near the 'plane were on fire and we thought of course the 'plane would go, but it did not. One wing had a direct hit, and it looked sorry. A house nearby was burned as was also the barracks of some soldiers.

"We found a hostel about one-half mile away who fed us; they had mosquito nets and there we spent the night. Even got a bath. We were a jolly crowd, bent but not broken. We were delighted that we had not lost our baggage. Early yesterday morning the 'plane that came up from Hong Kong came out to the stricken one and took us off, under alarm, but we made Chengtu O.K."

STRATOSPHERE ME'S ATTACK BALLOONS

Two Me 109Fs — Germany's latest stratosphere fighters — were driven off by anti-aircraft fire after shooting down one barrage balloon at Dover. One raider was seen to be smoking.

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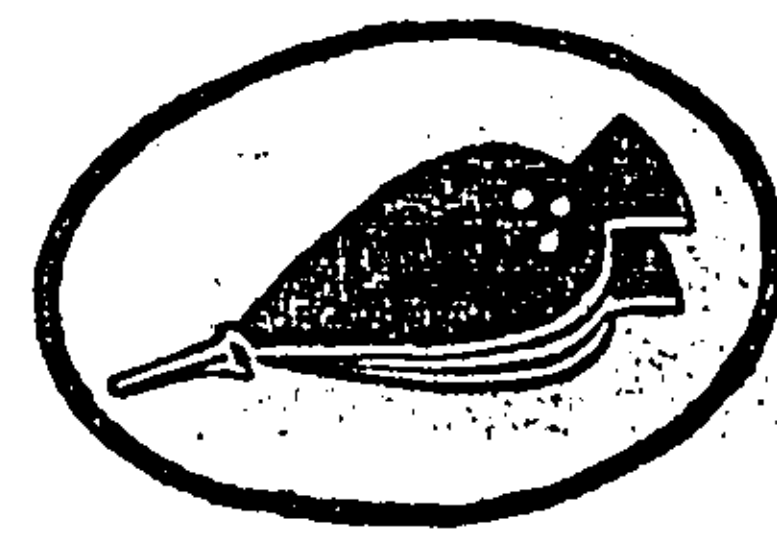
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4314	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4314	As per sale plan	About 4,720	\$86	\$2,832

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West Dealer North-South vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠	A 10 6 3		
♥	7 6 4		
♦	J 8 3		
♣	6 5 2		
WEST			
♠	—		
♥	K 5 3		
♦	7 6 2		
♣	K Q J 10		
	9 7 3		
EAST			
♠	Q J 5 2		
♥	J 10 9 8		
♦	10 9 5 4		
♣	A		
SOUTH			
♠	K 9 8 7 4		
♥	A Q 2		
♦	A K Q		
♣	8 4		

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♣
3♣ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

South lost two hearts, two clubs, and a trump, going down two tricks for a penalty of 500 points. And North practically foamed at the mouth because of the way South's bidding had insulted him.

North didn't give a hoot about 500 points—he'd been set before and expected to be set again, but he just couldn't stomach the way South disregarded the warningly weak bidding North had given him.

To begin with, North had passed over three clubs. Then, when South doubled for a takeout, North had simply shown trump support by bidding three spades. North would have been obliged to make the same bid with four trumps to the Jack instead of four to the Ace. And if North had held just the merest trifle more strength, either in high cards or in distributional value, he would have bid four spades over the double instead of only three spades. Actually North held about as much as could be expected in view of his two passes and simple return to spades.

And since North held a maximum, there couldn't possibly be any point to South's bid of four spades. That contract could be made only if North had grossly underbid his hand. So South's game bid was practically a statement that he didn't trust North to bid his hand properly.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠	8 5 3		
♥	A Q 7 3 2		
♦	A 4 2		
♣	6 5		

The bidding:
Schenker You Miller Jacoby
1♣ (?)

ANSWER: Pass. This illustrates a hand good enough for an opening bid (although a rather weak one) but not good enough for an overcall. The hand can win only about four tricks, and is therefore not good enough for a bid which promises to win eight tricks. Score 100% for pass, 80% for double, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 788

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker You Miller Jacoby			
1♣ Pass Pass Dbl.			
Pass (?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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TWO PLANS TO BEAT RAIDS

Two schemes to save food and merchandise from being destroyed in raids have been revealed.

A drive to beat the blitzes on Britain's ports and other vulnerable areas was announced when an order compelling owners of storage space to register was issued.

More than 14,000,000 square feet of additional storage space is now required by Government Departments for munitions, equipment, food, valuable raw materials and other essential goods.

"The Government is dispersing stocks as widely as possible," an official of the Control of Factory and Storage Premises, said.

"The new Order only covers those premises which have a floor area of 3,000 square feet or more and which have been used at any time during the last three years or so for storage."

A get-together scheme under which shopkeepers will help each other salvage goods from bombed stores and provide alternative premises for traders to carry on is the latest plan approved by the Ministry of Home Security.

They will form a pool of vans with men standing by to man them, ready to rush out during raids and save stock before it is destroyed by fire or water.

Worthing is the town responsible for the idea.

MISSING—HELD R.A.F. RECORD

One of the R.A.F.'s most successful war pilots, Squadron Leader M. T. St. J. Pattle, who had destroyed at least twenty-three enemy aircraft up till March, is missing.

Squadron Leader Pattle at that time had the highest number of "kills" officially credited to a pilot in this war.

A South African, 27, he was awarded the D.F.C. in February, and a bar to it a month later. He was reported missing last August, but later was found to be safe.

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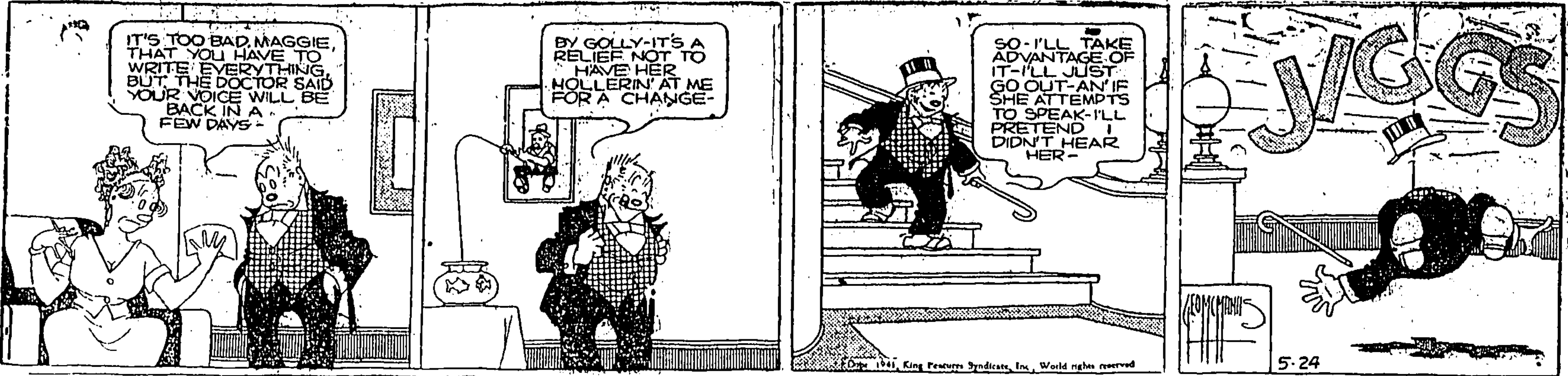
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Keep Hair Lustrous

You do not want to be numbered among the girls and women who discover, come September, that their hair has been neglected beyond reconditioning. That can happen if you do not take certain simple precautions during summer playtime.

Unless your hair is unusually oily it should never be exposed to hot, direct sun rays longer than fifteen minutes. And during that time the hair should be parted about every two minutes so all the scalp will benefit by the rays. The rest of the time keep your head covered with a hat, turban, kerchief or towel.

If you insist upon playing tennis, or any other game, without covering your head then you should anoint the scalp with a lubricating oil or salve, and brush a protective pomade or cream on the length of the hair. Thus your tresses will not be scorched or bleached.

The girl who swims every day has two things to remember—to wear a suction-tight bathing cap and to give her hair a hot oil treatment every two weeks. If through neglect her hair does get wet she should rinse it after her bath with fresh water. Otherwise her hair will lack lustre and her scalp will be unclean.

Added Precaution

As swimming is the major sport for summer let me again suggest taking the added precaution to keep hair dry by winding a band of chamois about the head before slipping on the suction-rimmed bathing cap. The chamois repels the water. Take time to put your cap on according to the directions which come with it—if you slip it on haphazardly you can expect water to creep under it.

Keep Pretty

I for one, lament the habit of younger girls going about with dull, stringy hair all summer. That is not chic, pretty or dainty! Summer is the time when your hair should look its loveliest—fresh and shiny and casually dressed. Keep yours that way. Pin in a nice fresh flower or other gay ornament to point up your gown or play clothes. Be



The occasional luncheon date in town calls for a pretty halo. This beauty brushes a few stray hairs in place with her liquid clear plastic brush.

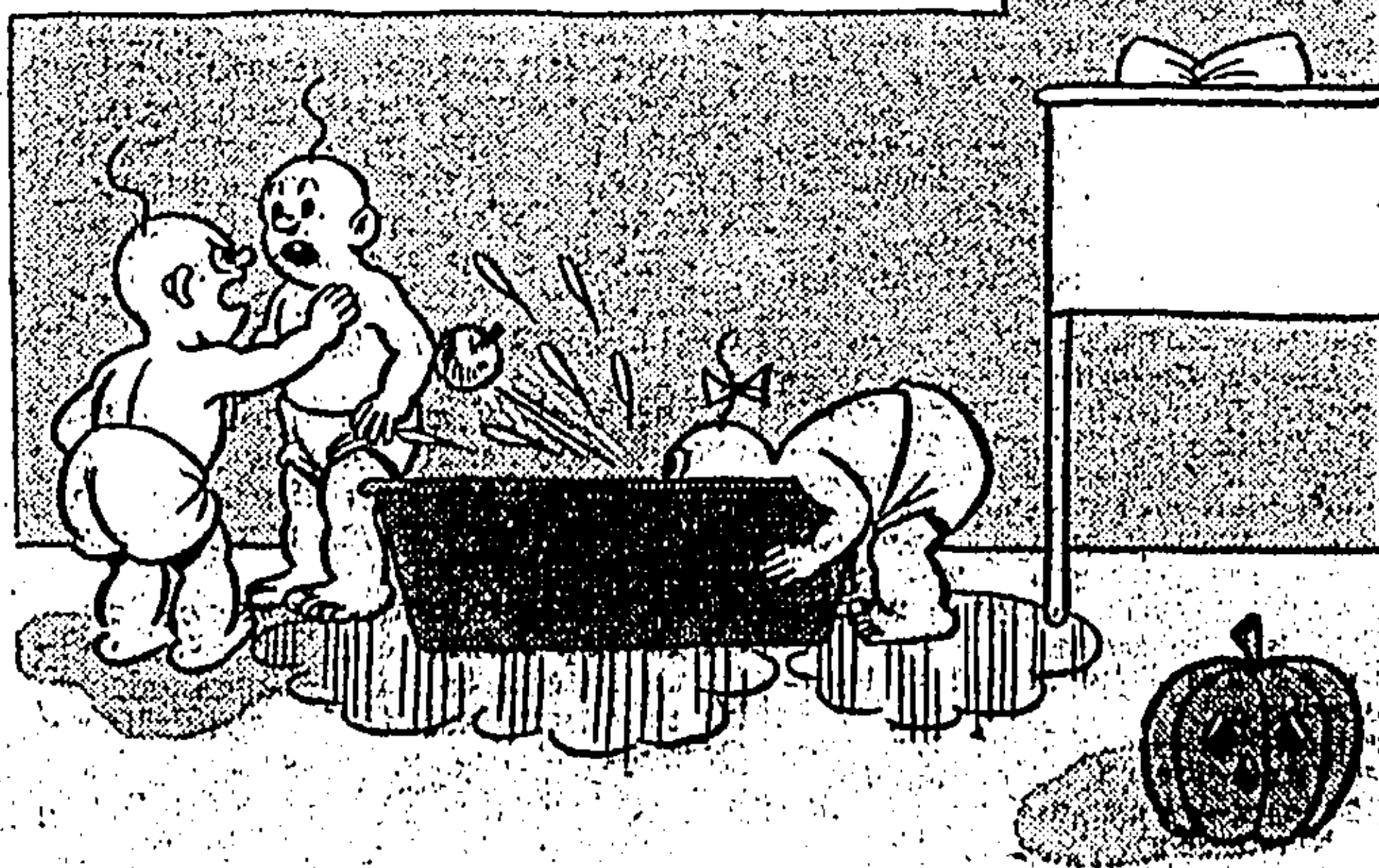
as pretty as you can. If you simply cannot bear to sit under a beauty parlour dryer for a setting, learn how to pin up your hair in small pin curls or even roll it in rags to give it body and softness. If it is clean, remember it will be ruly. If it is unclean it will mark you as a very indifferent beauty.

Fortunately this summer's hairdos are most casual—the trick is to get heavy hot hair up. Don't have it hanging about your neck. With the aid of a pair of combs, a few bobbles or barrets to match your hair, ingenious things can be done to make your hair a most attractive feature during summer!

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

"The Three Bares"



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Royal Air Force March Past (Walford

Davies); We're On Our Way—

March (Capt. Plunkett—arr. Mac-

kenzie); The Band of H.M. Royal

Air Force.

Flying High; Watching The Stars

(both from film "Splinters in the

Air"—Lerner, Goodhart & Hoffman)

Stuart Robertson with Orch.

The Lad From London Town—Quick

March (Sq. Ldr. R. O'Donnell); The

Devil Ma' Cares—Quick March

(Boothfield Carver); The Band

of H.M. Royal Air Force.

Song Of The Buccaneer (Mortimer &

Leonard); A Bowl Of Punch (Mor-

timer & Alan Murray); Stuart

Robertson with H. Dawson (Piano).

Sussex By The Sea—March (Ward

Higgs); The Band of H.M. Royal

Air Force.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Concert Waltzes & Tangos.

Song, Laughter And Dance—Waltz

(Alcherer, arr. Hohnel); Bad'ner

Mad'ln—Waltz (Karl Komzak);

Orchestra Mascotte.

Liorat Y Reir—Tango; Clasio—

Tango (J. Lissas); Juan Lissas

and his Orchestra.

You Will Never Know (Karl Ber-

ner); Amphitryon—Waltzes

(Doelle-Borchert-Aimberg); Or-

chestra Mascotte.

Lasse-Mol T'Almer—Tango; Tol

Seule—Tango (Mario Meli & J.

Scalis); Mario Meli Et Son

Orchestra Argentin.

Careses—Waltz (Lanner, arr.

Hohnel); Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.

La Cathedrale Enchantée, Prelude No

10—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Menuet Pablo Casals (Cello)

with Piano; Feux D'Artifice

Marcel Ciampi (Piano); Nuit

D'Etiles—Helene Ludolph (Sop.)

with Piano & Organ; L'Isle Joyeuse

Walter Gieseking (Piano); La

Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin...

Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with

Piano; Pagodes (Estampes No. 1)

Walter Gieseking (Piano).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quo-

tations.

6.47 p.m.—The London Piano Accordeon

Band and Elsie Carlisle (Vocal).

Don't Dingle Dangle On The Old Gar-

den Wall (Butler & others); The

Vamp Of Havana (Gilbert & Sull-

ivan); The London Piano Accor-

deon Band.

Elsie Carlisle Medley—Intro: Gertie,

the Girl with the Gong; Home,

James, and Don't Spare the Horses;

No, No, a Thousand Times No;

Dirty Hands, Dirty Face; Little

Chen with Big Ideas; Little Man,

You've Had A Busy Day; Elsie

Carlisle with Orchestra.

Little Patchy Trousers (Noel &

Pelosi); They Would Wind Him Up

And He Would Whistle (Kalmar,

Rudy); The London Piano Accor-

deon Band.

Grandma Said (Magidson—Wrubel)

Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.

The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon &

Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (S. &

H. Byrne & Schuster); The London

Piano Accordeon Band.

7.17 p.m.—Rawicz and Landauer (Two

Pianos).

The Great Waltz—Selection: Roses In

December (from film "Life of the

Party"—Jessel); Rosalie (from film

"Rosalie"—Cole Porter).

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Never Smile

Again, Until I Smile At You; Fox-

Trot—Half-Way Down The Street

Oscar Rabin & his Band.

Quick-Step—Memories Of You; Waltz

—Confidence Waltz; Victor Silves-

ter & his Ballroom Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Adios, Mariquita

Linda; Artie Shaw & his New

Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In (Where An-

gels Fear To Tread); Slow Fox-Trot

—Arm In Arm (Just You And Me)

Ambrose & his Orchestra.

Tango—Summer Evening In Santa

Cruz; Slow Fox-Trot—The Moon

Remembered But You Forget (from

film "Let's Be Famous"); Max-

well Stewart's Ballroom Melody.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Half an Hour With Johann

Strauss.

Waldmeister—Overture; Grand

Symphony Orchestra; Le Beau

Danube Bleu; Lily Pons (Sop.)

with Orchestra; Triltsch, Triltsch-

Polka; Orchestra Raymond;

Morgenblätter (Morning Papers)

Vocal Waltz; B.B.C. Wireless

Chorus and Orchestra; The Gipsy

Baron—Selection; George Boul-

anger & his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Pre-

sent". A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra.

Tell Me Arnia (Grosz); Russian

Gipsy Sketch (A. Ferrar); Sere-

nade In The Night (Kennedy &

others); I Once Had A Heart, Mar-

garita, (Connor & others).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

Siesta (W. Walton); The London

Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by

William Walton.

10.20 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida"—Act 1.

Characters and Soloists in order of

appearance: Rhadames, a young

warrior; Arnold, Lindi (Tenor);

Ramfis, High Priest; Trancredi

Pabero (Bass); Amneris, Pharaoh's

daughter; Maria Canuana (Mezzo-

Soprano); Aida, Ethiopian slave.

R.A.F. MEN CALL FLYING FORTRESS FINEST BOMBER

(By CAREY LONGMIRE)

PILOTS WHO HAVE TESTED the Royal Air Force's new Boeing flying fortresses, the giant, long-distance bombers that form the United States's biggest contribution to Great Britain's air power thus far, said: "We think this the finest four-motored bomber there is."

Twenty flying fortresses of the Boeing B-17 type are in Britain after flying the Atlantic in about seven hours each. The British Ministry of Aircraft Production put in that particular order months ago. It hopes for (one word censored) more fortresses "just as soon as they can be put together," in the words of a ministry representative.

BATTLE FLAGS CEREMONY

SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND ARMEN OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES RECENTLY WERE PRESENTED WITH BATTLE FLAGS BY ADML. MUGELIER, HEAD OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVAL AND AIR FORCES, ON BEHALF OF GEN. DE GAULLE.

Headed by the band of the Irish Guards, they carried them in a ceremonial march from Wellington barracks, where the presentation was made, to Westminster Cathedral to dedicate them to the deliverance of France at a solemn High Mass in honour of the saint.

The flags were taken to the communion rails, where a naval guard with fixed bayonets was posted over them. There they were joined by the flags of a group of veteran French ex-Service men of the 1914-18 war.

These included a flag believed to be the only one brought to England from Paris last June. It was the flag of the English volunteers with the French Army of the last war, borne by Mr. Lionel Hart, of the Paris branch of the British Legion, who carried it with him in his escape.

Cardinal Hinsley presided at the mass, which was celebrated by Abbe Godart, the senior chaplain to the Free French Forces. There was a pause in the service for a brief address in French by the Bishop of Lamus, Dr. Edward Myers, who called on the Free French to emulate St. Joan by throwing the invader out of France.

GRECIAN URN ARMY BADGE

THE GRECIAN URN IS THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE INSIGNIA OF THE BRITISH ARMY. THIS CLASSICAL VESSEL HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE CAP BADGE OF THE NEWLY FORMED ARMY CATERING CORPS.

The urn is surmounted by the crown and in a border made of the Garter appears the name of the unit. The buttons are to carry the Royal Arms.

Not all the cooks now employed in the Army will be admitted immediately to the corps, since its members are to be specialists. Officers of the corps will be experts in cooking, and, as far as possible, will be drawn from civilian catering establishments.

The Army School of Cookery at Aldershot is the parent unit of the corps. A pool of cooks, which will be replenished from recruits and from qualified cooks who are surplus in regimental units, will meet all demands for kitchen personnel.

Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano); Pharaoh... Baccaloni (Bass); with Orchestra and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—War Correspondents.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

The new ones to be added to Britain's home fleet of four-motored heavy bombers. Stirlings and Halifaxes, will be of a considerably later flying fortress type, the B-172. A second American bomber, the Consolidated Liberator, is already (three words censored).

"Bombsight A Marvel"

Whether any flying fortresses have yet been in action is a well kept secret. Pilots who talked to this correspondent and other newspaper men on a visit to this assembly station made it plain that tests showed the Boeing a highly efficient bomber.

"That Sperry-bombsight is a marvel," said one pilot. "We think it is more accurate than anything else we've ever seen." Equipped by the British for a seven-man crew, whereas nine men are sometimes carried by the fortresses in the United States, the plane has a range of 2,450 miles at a cruising speed of 220 miles an hour. From bases in England it could fly to virtually any sector of the Nazi-held Continent, even as far as Bucharest or Sofia, drop its bombs and return. Depending on the distance to be covered, it can carry up to eight tons of bombs—enough to raze an entire munitions factory. Pilots also were enthusiastic over its being "highly manoeuvrable."

What makes the R.A.F. appreciate the flying fortress so greatly, however, is an exclusively American device called the turbo supercharger. This enables it to fly 300 miles an hour at 25,000-foot level, considerably faster than any other long-range bomber at that height. The plane also turns in an exceptional performance as high as 36,000 feet.

Height Adds To Safety

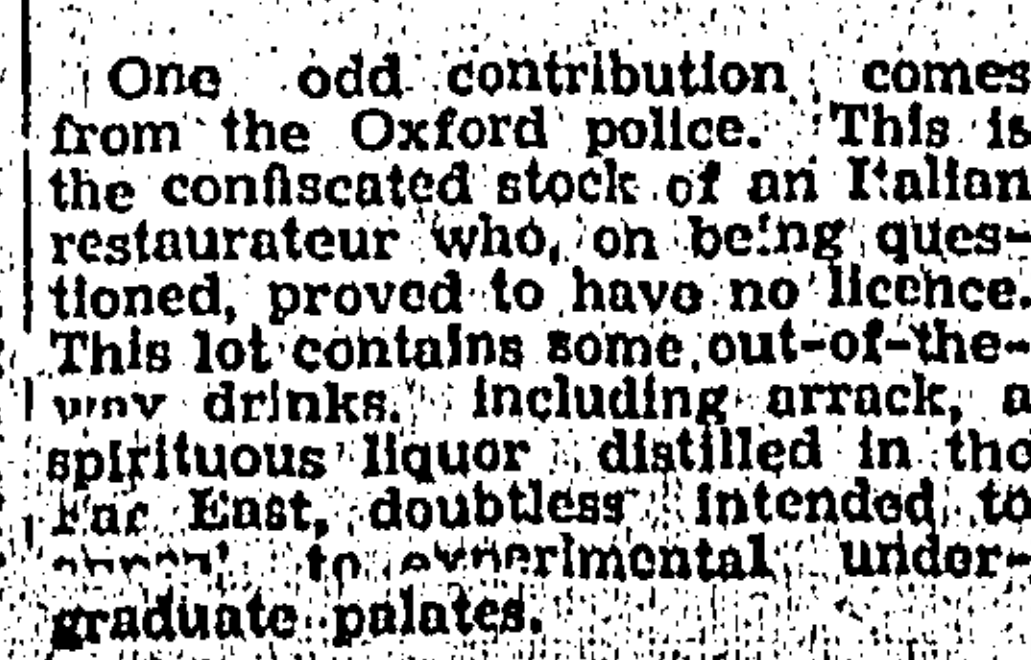
Since few fighter planes operate at speeds greater than the Boeing in the sub-stratosphere the R.A.F. is confident that Nazi fighters will have little success in overtaking flying fortresses and shooting them down. (Sentence censored.) Experts agree the air war will be won by the force which can get its planes to the highest altitude to fight, some holding that the most deadly air combats will soon take place at between 30,000 and 40,000 feet.

The flying fortresses reached Britain completely equipped with seven guns "and with bullets in them," the Air Ministry representative said. Pilots particularly liked the de-icers, which, in winter operations, will be invaluable.

At the same big air station scores of other American planes of four-motored types were being made ready for action by several hundred workers, many women. The other American aircraft were the Glenn Martin Maryland, the Douglas DB-7, the Vought-Sikorsky Chesapeake dive-bomber, and the Consolidated Liberator. One big workshop has just gone into operation for the handling of American-built Allison liquid-cooled motors, such as those used in the American Curtiss-Tomahawk fighters, now being received here and in the Middle East in quantity. Maj. Carl Brandt, chief Boeing test pilot, reached Britain with the first flying fortresses to explain their operation.

The action of three American firms, Boeing, Douglas and Ford, in collaborating on flying fortress production on a mass production scale and setting up new plants in the Southwest for the job was "the finest gesture for Britain in history," a Ministry of Aircraft Production spokesman asserted.

Mr. James, who had just returned home after working all night, put the fire-bomb in a bucket and took it to the police-station.



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PAIRS & RINKS LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONS STILL UNDEFEATED

FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WHEN THREE MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN WINS FOR THE RINKS CHAMPIONS, UNDER C. S. ROSSELET, AND FOR H. A. ALVES AND F. V. V. RIBEIRO, PAIRS CHAMPIONS FOR THE LAST TWO SEASONS.

INTRA-CLUB BOWLS COMPETITIONS

Following are the latest intra-club lawn bowls competition results:

Craigengower C.C.

Senior Club Singles
First Round:—W. Ward beat M. J. Medina, C. W. Lam beat S. Leonard, 21-15.

Junior Club Singles
First Round:—G. S. Ladd beat J. K. Paver, Second Round:—G. S. Ladd beat S. Leonard, W. E. Broadbridge beat L. A. Sunning.

Hong Kong F.C.

Club Singles
First Round:—A. W. Hurrell beat J. Hempsey.

Pairs
First Round:—A. B. Coleman and J. A. R. Selby beat F. P. Anslow and H. G. Wallington, K. Forrow and K. S. Robertson beat J. Hempsey and R. P. Shaw.

Kowloon C.C.

Club Championship
Third Round:—N. A. E. Mackay beat L. Jack, E. C. Fincher beat S. A. Gray, W. W. Parsons beat A. Madar, R. S. Meadows beat T. A. Broadbridge, T. A. Madar beat A. W. Ramsey.

Handicap Singles
Second Round:—A. W. Ramsey (scr.) beat L. Jack (scr.); W. M. Gittins (4) received a walk-over from H. Brokenshire (8); N. A. E. Mackay (2) beat J. W. Burman (8).

Handicap Doubles
Second Round:—R. S. Capell and N. D. Lloyd beat A. Bone and B. G. Baker, Third Round:—R. Leigh and W. Meadows beat D. Hung and H. Overy.

Sgt. M. Minhan, R.A.S.C. first class Army football referee, who did not officiate last season, is now in the Straits Settlements and will be refereeing again.

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G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle narrowly defeated H. Gittins and W. J. Howard by two shots in the second round of the Open Pairs competition.

The game between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro and J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez was a Third Round match, which should have been played to-day, but the game was brought forward as the competitors will be engaged on Volunteer duties this afternoon.

At Club de Recreio, G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle beat H. Gittins and W. J. Howard in Second Round of the Open Pairs championship by 17-15.

At the sixth Gittins and Howard were leading 5-2 but the Bowling Green Club pair had 2 2 1 2 to lead 9-5 at the 10th. Gittins and Howard then scored four singles at the next five heads to be led by only 10-9. Thompson and Searle with 3 2 0 2 then took the lead to 17-10 at the 19th. A four at the 20th gave the Kowloon pair a chance but they could only get a single at the last head to lose by two shots after scoring at 11 ends.

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Champions Win

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, Open Pairs champions for the past two seasons, advanced another stage in the competition when, at Club de Recreio, they beat their club mates J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez by 27-20 in the Third Round.

Two fours at the 6th and 7th ends followed by a two gave the champions at 13-2 lead at the 8th. With the aid of a six at the 15th, Alves and Ribeiro led 21-9. At the 20th they led 27-14 but Remedios and Gutierrez scored a six at the last to lose by seven shots. Alves and Ribeiro scored at 11 ends.

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Champion Rink Win

At Kowloon Football Club, C. S. Rosselet's champion rink (R. Basa, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rink championship when they beat the Strange brothers by 22-15.

Starting with a burst of 114110 15 the champions led 14-3 at the 8th. By the 11th the losers had reduced the lead to 14-7 and at the 20th were only 18-15 in arrears but they failed to score at the last two ends to lose by seven shots. Rosselet scored at 13 ends.

R. Basa E. L. Strange
A. E. Coates S. H. Strange
J. S. Landolt C. Strange
C.S. Rosselet (s) 22 H.E. Strange (s) 15

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following are the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship Third Round games to be played to-day, though it is likely that some games will be postponed, owing to Volunteer duties:

At Kowloon C.C.
C. M. da Silva and F. X. Soares v. H. R. Pinna and E. Basto.

At Club de Recreio
T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest v. A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson.

At Police F.C.
D. A. Rosario and J. S. Landolt v. W. McNeill and P. A. Peckham.

A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. McCutcheon and G. Galloway.

At Kowloon B.G.C.
J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison v. C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios.

E. G. Post and W. Cameron v. C. R. Pereira and F. X. M. da Silva.

At Kowloon F.C.
A. M. Holland and K. C. Hamilton v. A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Second Round).

A. G. Gardner, H.K. Electric, skip, who played for Electric in Third Division of the Football League in the 1939-40 season as centre-forward, has signed forms for Hong Kong Football Club this season. Gardner is a useful outside-right and may secure a place in Club's senior eleven.



The umpire calls Moore, U.S. Mindanao, safe with Chunn Hwa, hindquarter Bill Chang looking back to see if any useful purpose would be served by relaying the ball to second. Mindanao won Saturday's tilt by a 14 to 1 tally.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CADDY REPORT SYSTEM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Kowloon Golf Club's annual general meeting has been fixed for August 27, and it is expected that the chairman will have a very satisfactory report to place before members.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

C.C.C. v. K.I.T.C.
P.O.R.C. (1) v. S.C.A.A.
J.R.C. v. F.C.
C.B.A. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
I.R.C. v. C.R.C.
J.R.C.—B. Godkin and S. Ramler;
A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.
Filipino Club—K. K. Ip and B. Poon;
T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. Souza.
C.C.C.—K. M. Au and J. Wong; Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; N. Leonard and T. C. Yu.
I.R.C.—U. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Safford; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. I. Razack.
S.C.A.A.—Y. K. Ng and K. T. Chan; K. C. Siet and C. M. Tsang; P. Y. Kwok and S. L. Chung.
K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and S. Ramchand.

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Royal Scots scored another victory in "B" Division of Army Tennis League, when they beat Royal Engineers by three points to nil at Sookunpoo yesterday. Following were scores:—

Alsey and Glasgow (R.S.) beat Kchoe and Hawkins, 6-2, 6-3.
Downing and Ross (R.S.) beat Spencer and Tropp, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Octon and Gilroy (R.S.) beat Birrell and Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

Standings To Date

"B" DIVISION				
	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	21	20	1	50
R.A.O.C.	21	18	3	48
24th Battery	12	12	0	12
24th Battery	24	12	12	12
38th Battery	15	10	5	10
5th A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	15	7	8	7
Middlesex	15	10	5	10
R.A.S.C. "A"	12	4	8	4
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	4	5	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	6	3
88th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

FOOTBALL REFEREES' CLASSES

A combined meeting of the committees of Army Football Referees' Association and Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held this evening at 7 p.m. at Hotel Cecil.

Arrangements for a combined referees' class and the drawing up of a series of lectures are on the agenda.

Following will attend:—Messrs. H. Beard, D. Kossick and J. F. Silva (H.K. Referees' Association) and Lieut. L. G. Crossby, S/Sgt. W. H. Foster and R.S.M. E. C. Ford (Army).

BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB ARE MAKING A FEW CHANGES IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION TEAM FOR THEIR MATCH AGAINST KOWLOON TONG ON THE LATTER'S GREEN ON SATURDAY.

Gill will have Bickford and Gratton as his first two men in place of A. B. Coleman and J. D. Thomson, the latter going No. 3 to Macfarlane in place of Needham. Robertson's four remain unchanged.

Only one of their Third Division rinks remains the same as last week for their match against Police this Saturday. In Mansel's four, Pearce, No. 1 last week, will be No. 2 this time, and Coleman, lead to Gill in Second Division last Saturday, is coming into the rink as lead.

Anslow replaces Forrow as lead to Graver, as the latter moves to No. 3 position in the same rink. Ralston's four is not changed.

Electric Reshuffle

Hong Kong Electric R.C. are making a number of changes for their match this Saturday against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, not one of the rinks that played last week remaining intact, while one of the skips playing then will play in one of the No. 3 positions, with the other not playing this time.

Lunny, who skipped Baker Crawford and Owens last week, will have a rink comprising Stoker, Gahagan and Butler this time. The last named had a rink (Stonehouse, Roscoe and Barron) of his own last week. His place as skip will be taken by Paul, who will have Owens, Groome and Macfarlane as his front men.

Gardner, who led a rink comprising Gregory, Groome and Macfarlane last week, does not figure in the team this Saturday, and the third rink will be Barron, Gregory, Deacon and Sloan.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
Second Division (v Kowloon Tong, away):—B. I. Bickford, A. G. Gratton, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, J. D. Thomson and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. MacAlpine.

Third Division (v Police R.C., home):—A. B. Coleman, T. H. Pearce, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansel (skip); F. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, K. W. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

ELECTRIC R.C.
Third Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., away):—R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, W. E. Macfarlane, A. F. Paul (skip); J. F. Barron, R. F. Gregory, S. Deacon, J. K. Sloan (skip); W. Stoker, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler, J. F. Lunny (skip).

Two matches in the basketball league were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. South China beat Ping Ching 38-31 and National University beat Yu Leung 39-31.

could get little or no "nets" during all that time, but he is hopeful of overcoming that obstacle this Winter.

His other game is hockey, but here, too, the exigencies of the Service left him with very little time for practice.

ANSARI HOPES TO GET IN MORE CRICKET

Lieut. M. A. Ansari, 5/7 Rajput Regiment, who kept wicket for Army "B" in a few League cricket matches last year, has decided that, duties permitting, he will play much more cricket this year than he had done for a long time.

Prior to joining Royal Military Academy in India, Lieut. Ansari played a great deal of cricket for Osmania University, Hyderabad, and it was while there, in 1934-35, that he received coaching from "Bill" Hitch, former England and Surrey cricketer.

Ansari's trouble for the last six years had been the fact that he

NEW CRICKET TALENT

By "Incog"

BUT FOR THE FACT THAT THEIR IRREGULAR HOURS OF DUTIES WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO TURN OUT WITH ANY SORT OF REGULARITY FOR SPORT, ROBERT BURN AND LIAL COLBERT, TWO NEW MEMBERS OF ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE, SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE NAMES FOR THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG CRICKET.

Both are from Sydney, Australia, and both have had considerable experience in club cricket in their respective homes. Burn was one of the leading batsmen of the Belmore Technical School team, and though he does not lay claims to any three-figure scores, he has done consistently well with the bat.

Burn says he will try and get a few games here, but doubts very much whether he will be able to play every week owing to the nature of his duties.

Colbert, it is reported, is a very useful bowler—of the spin variety.

SATURDAY'S AQUATIC TEAMS

Everything is now complete for the Grand charity swimming gala on Saturday between Combined Chinese Club and Combined Victoria Recreation Club and Y.M.C.A.

A glance at the list of participants will show that some excellent sport is assured as the cream of the Colony's aquatic stars will be on view.

Following are the events and teams:-

Ladies' 150 Yards Medley Relay
Chinese Clubs: Miss Sa Wai-ying (back-stroke), Miss Li Po-luen (breast-stroke), Miss Ho Wai-king (freestyle). V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: Miss Celeste Guterres (back-stroke), Vivienne Churn (breast-stroke), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (freestyle).

Men's 100 Yards free-style:
Chinese Clubs: Wong Siu-lun and Tsui Hang. V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: David Hutchinson and Lionel Roza-Pereira.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Boys' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Ladies' 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs: Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king, Miss Ko Mui-ling, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan and Miss Lo Tak-ching.

Reserves: Miss Chang Oi-lin and Miss Sun Pul.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes, Miss Myra Noronha and Miss Eileen Grant.

Reserves: Miss Yvonne Yelle and Miss Jeannette Yelle.

Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:

Chinese Clubs: Pui Wing-kut (back-stroke), Ng Nin (breast-stroke), Tsui Hang (freestyle).

Reserves: Lau In-ting, Wong Sau-san, Fung Wan-cheung and Wong Chi-hung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: A. K. Rumlahn (back-stroke), David Hutchinson (breast-stroke), Noel Hammond (freestyle).

Reserves: W. Lawrence, Linz M. Remedios, L. Roza-Pereira and T. Lopes.

Comedy Act:

Men's 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Men's 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs: Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung, Wong Siu-lun, Ng Chun-man and Shek Kam-pul.

Reserves: Wong Sau-san, Tsang Cheung-ming and Lo Yuk-wing.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: D. Hutchinson, W. Lawrence, N. Hammond, G. Saunders, E. F. Paul and B. S. Wilson.

Reserves: A. K. Rumlahn, L. A. Benn and L. Roza-Pereira.

Diving Exhibition:

Chinese Clubs: Wong King-woon, Koo Ka-kut and Lam Ka-tung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: L. Roza-Pereira, Ed. da Roza and G. Saunders.

400 Yards free-style Mixed Relay:

Chinese Clubs: Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king and Miss Ko Mui-ling; Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung and Wong Siu-lun.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres and Miss Irene Lopes; David Hutchinson, N. Hammond, W. Lawrence and G. Saunders.

Water Polo:

Chinese team: Woo Cho-kin, Po King-fook, Kwok Fung-sun, Pui Ping-nan, Lee Kay-yeung, Harold Wing-lee, Chan Lui-pik, Chan Lut-ki, Chui Chuk-yau, Chan Sik-pui and Leung Chun-wah.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.: M. M. de V. Soares, L. A. Benn, J. Smith, T. Jennings, A. Hussain, W. B. Ure, A. Hunt, W. Lawrence, E. F. Paul, P. B. Wilson and N. Hammond.

THIRD C.B.C. AQUATIC GALA

Chinese Bathing Club will hold their third swimming gala of the season at North Point on Saturday, August 16, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is as follows:-

Ladies' 150 Metres Medley Relay (Open to the Colony).

Men's 100 Metres free-style.

Junior 50 Metres free-style Handicap.

Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke.

Men's 100 Metres free-style Handicap.

Diving.

Children's 100 Metres breast-stroke.

Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Handicap.

Pillow Fight.

TO-DAY'S GALA

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, will hold their annual Swimming gala in the Victoria Recreation Club pool this afternoon from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m., at the conclusion of which Mrs. F. B. Minhnick will present the prizes.

The swimming gala between the Ching Wing Swimming Union, a section of Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Chinese Bathing Club, which was arranged for yesterday at Bridges Street, was postponed as C.B.C. found some difficulty in raising a team.

FOOTBALL PREPARATIONS WELL IN HAND

Things are stirring in the local football world.

The new council of Football Association have had their first meeting.

The various committees have held meetings to discuss such preliminary work as is necessary to ensure that the new season will start auspiciously.

The fixtures list has been drawn up and will be submitted at the next council meeting.

Junior Civilian clubs are holding a meeting to-morrow, when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of the Referees' Association, will give a talk on "Behaviour on the football field."

Clubs are now busy looking over talent they have for the coming season.

The average footballer, however, has given little thought to the sport, the majority holding that it is too warm to think about soccer yet.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, who hold no meetings during the close season, keep in touch with their members by a series of monthly circulars, in which the outstanding news in the soccer world at Home and here are mentioned.

This month's circular, edited by S/Sgt. Foster, Army First Division Referee, and a member of the Council of Army Referees' Association, contains a great deal of interesting information to local referees.

Among items in the circular are reminders to referees about personal kit and registration, making special mention of Service referees, who have to affiliate to their respective associations before their applications can be accepted by Hong Kong Football Association.

An earnest exhortation is made to all referees and line-men to get into physical condition before the soccer season commences, and it is pointed out that it is the duty of all officials to be as fit as the best soccer player at all times, but more particularly at the commencement of the season.

Mr. Foster touches on a very important point in his circular about the fulfilment of appointments. He maintains it is the duty of every referee or line-man who finds that he is unable at the last moment to officiate at a game he

has accepted to inform the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Football Association, as soon as possible and, if he cannot be contacted, another referee should be communicated with and asked to take charge of the game. This, Mr. Foster stresses, is more preferable to letting the teams depend on someone in the crowd to officiate.

This is what Mr. Foster has to say on the very much debated point among referees "Should a referee, while officiating at a game, have the whistle in his mouth or in his hand?"

"I have been asked by military members, as the Military representative of Referees' Association, to pass my own opinion on this point. No doubt they think me of 'know that I am one of the many 'Whistle in the mouth' persons." Well I am and as my opinion has been asked for I can but give it.

"Now I don't want to alter anybody's opinion or offer any advice, but as so much has been said about this subject and against it I have just one or two remarks to make. As an Army referee, trained in the Army, naturally I should adopt their method. I know it is not taught everywhere in the Army, but at the headquarters of all Army referees during my time it was. It was termed then as 'with the linesman', providing both were up with the play and saw the incident. It was far better

to hear and see both officials signal together. It wasn't a case of one being behind, thereby causing the usual means of not sure until the linesman saw it. From my experience as a player in good football there is nothing more annoying than to hear a referee's whistle go when there does not appear to be anything wrong and then to see him call for the ball and give a decision for something that has passed some distance away. It also disturbs the play and the players. Now football is a fast game and its speed increases, it doesn't take long for a ball to travel distance.

"The only thing I have heard against it is, by keeping the whistle in the mouth, one is apt to give a hasty decision whereby by thinking one would not. The distance travelled by the hand to mouth, takes time. Will the play wait for that? My answer is No!

"Individuals can, I know, carry the whistle in the mouth all afternoon and still not blow it, and does it mean that because one does adopt that method he is liable to blow? My advice is if you cannot hold a whistle in the mouth without blowing it hastily, don't do it.

"This is just a matter of opinion and no more. I do it myself and shall continue to do so unless a law is adopted to prevent it."

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JAPANESE PULLING OUT?

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE JAPANESE TROOPS IN CENTRAL CHINA ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR LARGE-SCALE WITHDRAWALS, SAYS A SHANGHAI DISPATCH TO THE "TA KUNG PAO."

Recently the Japanese ordered the suspension of construction on military roads and military establishments in central China.

The Japanese have also ordered the puppet government to tighten the so-called "pacification campaign" in an attempt to "mop up" the Chinese guerillas. Their scheme is to have puppet troops garrison places which they will evacuate.—Central News.

CHUNGKING VIEWS

Observers in Chungking believe that a Pacific war is inevitable in view of the steady deterioration of the Far Eastern situation following the freezing of Japanese assets.

They suggest there is a high possibility of a Japanese southward push in September and a Japanese northward push next Spring.

They point out that the present Konoye Cabinet describes itself as a War Cabinet and holds all important conferences in the Imperial Palace.—Central News.

'Planes Battle Through Gale To Blitz

DETAILS OF THE R.A.F. attacks on Germany on Tuesday night were given in the following Air Ministry communique yesterday:—

In a gale of wind on Tuesday night a large force of aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked objectives at Mannheim, Frankfurt and Karlsruhe with conspicuous success.

On the outward and return journeys very bad weather was encountered but over the targets it was very clear and a great weight of the heaviest bombs was dropped inflicting severe and widespread damage.

Factories and railways at Aachen and docks at Ostend were among targets bombed during the night.

A Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol on Tuesday night bombed a large supply ship in the enemy-occupied port of Nantes.

Two direct hits on the ship were observed.

FROM THESE OPERATIONS NINE AIRCRAFT OF THE BOMBER COMMAND ARE MISSING.—REUTER.

REORGANISATION OF R.A.A.F.

Reorganisation of the Royal Australian Air Force to provide for all possible wartime emergencies and the creation of new operational commands for all strategical requirements, was announced yesterday by Mr. McEwen, Commonwealth Air Minister, says Reuter.

ANTI-TOKYO FREEZING POLICY

(Continued from Page 11) THAT ALL THESE REPORTS OF BRITISH AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST THAILAND WERE OF COURSE, UTTERLY BASELESS.

"The truth is that we have for over a century had friendly relations with Thailand.

"Our policy has no other object than to maintain those relations but it is no less true that any action which would threaten Thai independence and the integrity of Thailand (cheers) would be a matter of immediate concern to this country, most particularly as threatening the security of Singapore."

Mr. Eden added in serious tones: "I hope these words may yet be heeded."

Aid To China

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Let me add this about another country in the Far East. There is no alliance, formal or informal, between this country and China but every fresh forward move on the part of Japan naturally has the result of bringing China and ourselves closer and closer together.

"The result is more intimate consultation.

"Take, for example, the Chinese Government immediately understanding the importance of the freezing order.

They themselves not only approved of the measure but asked it should be applied to China so that it might be more effective against Japan.

"That friendly collaboration with China will continue and, I pray, will grow. That friendship will continue to grow, independent of the Japanese attitude.

"But the point I make is that Japanese forward aggression invariably results in two friends who have no aggressive intentions getting closer and closer together."—Reuter.

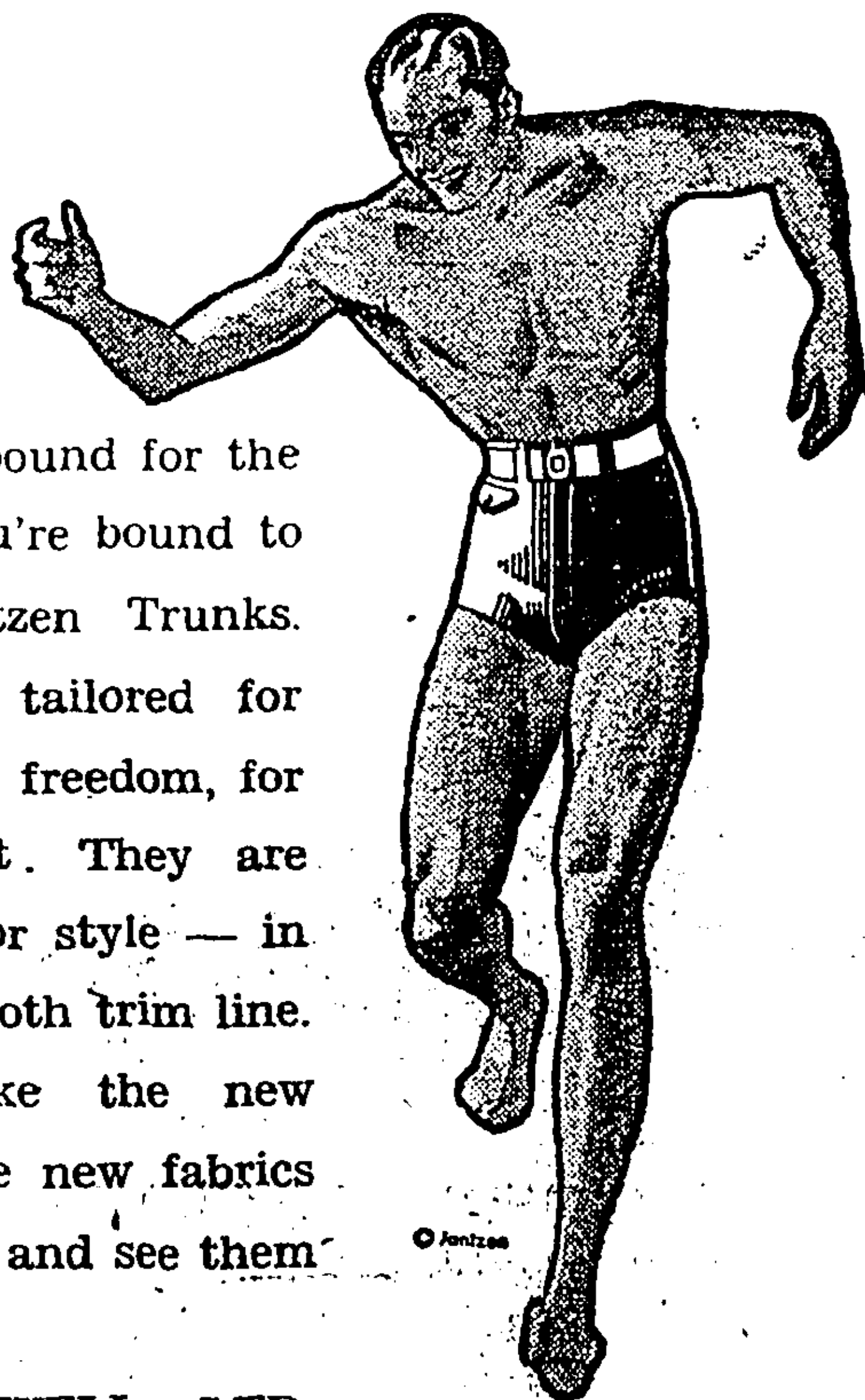
HOSPITAL NOT NEGLIGENT

Allegations that the staff of the Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet, were negligent in treating a child, were found to be groundless when the inquest was resumed at Barnet.

The child, Leslie David Ernest Westwood, one year, of Stuart Road, East Barnet, died in the hospital after he had pulled an electric kettle over himself. The child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Westwood, asserted that the child was not kept properly covered at the hospital.

Nurse Williams said that the longest time that the child could have been uncovered was two minutes, when she left the ward, to fetch X-ray plates.

Mr. F. Turner, deputy coroner, said that the parents had "rather exaggerated the circumstances." There was no foundation for criticism of the hospital. Verdict: death by misadventure.



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BUTTER**ANTI-TOKYO FREEZING POLICY**
Explanation By Anthony Eden**Churchill And
Roosevelt****VEIL KEPT
TIGHT
OVER
MYSTERY**

Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt were almost the sole topic of conversation in Washington again yesterday but no single ray of light has been allowed by any official to illuminate the mystery.

NO CURTAIN OF SECRECY HAS EVER BEEN MORE TIGHTLY PUT OVER THE MOVEMENTS OF EITHER MR. CHURCHILL OR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED TIME.

The man-in-the-street now accepts as a fact that the meeting is taking place—only held theory being that President Roosevelt, who never flies, has been speeded to the rendezvous in a warship which was met by a plane carrying Mr. Churchill.

Many, however, think that neither Mr. Churchill nor President Roosevelt would risk being caught in a surface vessel and it seems more likely that the President went to his summer home, which is actually across the border into Canada, where Mr. Churchill could proceed by plane in a matter of hours.

No Better Time

This would also avoid the political implication of the British Premier setting foot on United States soil, as he would still be in the Empire.

There is a fervent hope in many Washington quarters that the two will meet because it is felt nothing could be better at this time than a complete understanding established face to face between these two great world leaders who are combining to wipe Hitlerism off the map. —Reuter.

**VICHY'S
ANSWER**

THE FRENCH REPLY TO AMERICA'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF FRANCE'S POLICY ON EMPIRE DEFENCE HAS BEEN HANDED TO ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY.

It was stated in Vichy yesterday that "the reply outlines the guiding principles of French policy on the lines defined by Admiral Darlan and General Weygand." —Reuter.

**SCHARNHORST
RETURNS
TO BREST**

The German battleship Scharnhorst has returned to Brest where it has docked and is undergoing repairs, says Reuter from London.

**TROOPS
POUR INTO
SAIGON**

A superficial lull continues to reign in the southern Indo-China political atmosphere as Japanese disembarkations tax port facilities to the utmost and an unceasing stream of truck convoys streams westward.

Almost the whole of the vast concentration of vehicles visible on Tuesday at the Saigon docks disappeared yesterday as troops again took momentary precedence and began discharging new thousands of troops.

The passage of troops and material is being expedited as speedily as possible with a minimum of detachments remaining in Saigon. The Service Corps is rapidly installing military telephone lines between all important occupation centres and offices.

Mekong Bottleneck

It is understood the Mekong ferry, on the road to Phnompenh, is acting as a serious bottleneck, limiting truck passage to 80 a day.

The Japanese are commandeering a large number of barges and junks and a considerable quantity of material is being shipped up the Mekong. Spasmodic attacks appear in the Japanese press against Thailand. —Reuter.

**SOVIET ORDERS IN
U.S. FROZEN**

The United States has unfrozen millions of dollars' worth of Soviet orders in America, according to a Reuter despatch from Washington.

day that "the reply outlines the guiding principles of French policy on the lines defined by Admiral Darlan and General Weygand." —Reuter.

**Real Meaning
Of Regulations**

IN A STATEMENT ON THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION IN THE WAR DEBATE YESTERDAY, MR. EDEN REFERRED TO THE FREEZING MEASURES RECENTLY INSTITUTED.

He said: "These freezing measures are not, as seems to be thought by some people, framed to permit transactions which are not expressly forbidden. On the contrary, they automatically forbid all transactions except those which are expressly permitted.

"I cannot disclose details of the manner in which this policy is going to be applied. It will be worked out throughout with the closest collaboration and the frankest discussions between the British Government here, the Dominions, India, Burma and the Colonies and the United States and Netherlands Governments.

"The two latter Governments have furnished with full particulars and comprehensive information of their attitude.

"The same collaboration is continuing regarding the application and operation of these measures.

"It was bound to take a little time to exchange views and information necessary for a common understanding on such a far-reaching experiment as the freezing orders represent, but the work is now practically complete.

"THESE STEPS WERE NOT LIGHTLY TAKEN. THE FREEZING ORDER WAS SERIOUSLY INTENDED AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY EXECUTED.

Thailand Position

"As to the position of Thailand, the British Government have not failed to note that Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

"For that reason, on July 31, His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo drew the attention of the Japanese Foreign Minister to this newspaper campaign, which alleged, among other things, that we are intriguing in Thailand, that British military preparations are threatening Japanese interests, and that in consequence Thailand should, in her own interests, come to an early understanding with Japan, the power which controls Indo-China.

"Our Ambassador pointed out that this kind of thing could only mean that someone in authority in Japan was endeavouring to manufacture a case for Japanese intervention in Thai territory.

Formal Assurance

"He added that if a step of this kind were taken, coming on top of the recent action in Indo-China, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Great Britain and Japan.

"SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE THEN GAVE TO ADMIRAL TOYODA A MOST FORMAL ASSURANCE

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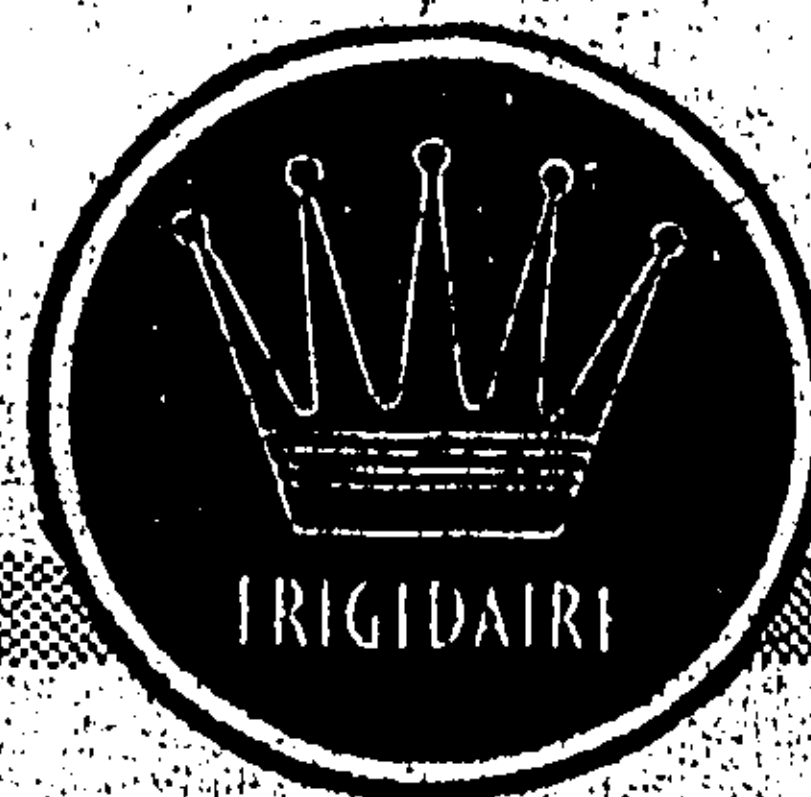
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Inquiry
Ordered**

Official recognition of the rising cost of living is shown by the appointment, by His Excellency the Governor, of a Committee to "advise Government on the matter of a high cost of living allowance for quarantined officers, other than those who are drawing salaries not exceeding \$35 a month who have already obtained an allowance.

The Committee comprises: Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, M.C. (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Mr. Ng Chak-wing and Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, with Mrs. W. A. Jones as Secretary.

The first meeting of the Committee will take place to-day in the Puisne Judge's Chambers, Supreme Court.

All meetings will be private.



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Japan Receives Warnings From America And Britain

MOVE INTO THAILAND DANGEROUS

A JAPANESE MOVE into Thailand would be considered as a step menacing American security and endangering American territory in the Pacific.

This was made clear by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull said the United States Government had made clear its vital interest and opposition to any moves of conquest in the Pacific and elsewhere. He added that this applied to Thailand.

Referring especially to indications that Japan was already demanding military concessions there, Mr. Hull said the United States Government viewed these with increasing concern. He expressed United States' interest in the integrity and independence of Thailand by referring to previous statements of policy regarding the south-west Pacific.

Mr. Eden's Statement

Any action which would threaten the independence and integrity of Thailand would be a matter of immediate concern to Britain, more particularly, as a threat against the security of Singapore, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday when speaking on the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Eden said that the British Government had not failed to note that the Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they had employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo had pointed out to the Japanese Foreign Minister that if a step of this kind were taken, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Britain and Japan.—Reuter.

SOVIET ACADEMY GREETINGS

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY IN REPLY TO A MESSAGE SENT TO THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES:—

"Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. sends warmest greetings to the Royal Society of Scientists and express feelings of deep admiration and friendship to their British colleagues who, in war conditions, pursue courageously research, work obtaining world achievements in various fields of science and thus successfully opposing the aim of Fascism to destroy all culture.

"In the struggle for the happy future of humanity, standing hand to hand against the common foe, the men of science of Britain and the Soviet Union will contribute with all their forces to the triumph of liberty, culture and science over Hitlerite tyranny and obscurantism." — British Wireless.

REORGANISATION OF R.A.A.F.

Reorganisation of the Royal Australian Air Force to provide for all possible wartime emergencies and the creation of new operational commands for all strategic requirements, was announced yesterday by Mr. McEwen, Commonwealth Air Minister, says Reuter.

JAPAN'S REPRISALS IN NORTH CHINA

The Foreign Secretary, replying to a Commons question, said some interference with British firms in North China had resulted from action taken by the Japanese by way of reprisal for the freezing of Japanese assets by Britain.

He had no information indicating that property belonging to any British firm had been seized but the situation was being closely watched by the local British authorities. — British Wireless.

TIMPERLEY ON CHINA

There is every desire on the part of China to cooperate with the British should hostilities break out in the Far East, declared Mr. H. J. Timperley, adviser to the Central Publicity Board of China, who is in Singapore on the way to London after a visit to Chungking. Mr. Timperley added China realised the importance of taking every opportunity of improving and strengthening contacts with Malaya and India.—Reuter.

U.S. FOOD FOR BRITAIN AT A NEW PEAK

A STEADILY INCREASING volume of American food, now aggregating more than \$500,000 a day, is leaving United States ports for Great Britain, authoritative Agriculture Department sources disclosed.

Details of shipments, both as to quantities and dates, are guarded secrets. Department announcements of purchases lump both domestic relief and British aid purchases together. These have totaled \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 in the last four months.

The Agriculture Department has honoured British requisitions for more than \$50,000,000 worth of food under the lend-lease programme. Much of that is still stored at Atlantic ports, but shipments have been increased considerably in recent weeks, officials said.

Purchases of food for Britain have been well ahead of expectations last Spring, when the department estimated that they would total \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 in the fifteen months ending July 1, 1942. Some officials now think they reach \$750,000,000 for the period.

The primary reason for the increased shipments has been an improvement in the British shipping situation in the North Atlantic. Great Britain has been concentrating more of her ships on that route, her shortest "life line" for supplies of raw materials.

And More Still

Since the purchase programme for Britain began on March 15, the Federal Surplus Marketing Administration has been buying \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 worth of food a month. Domestic relief and school lunches require food worth about \$8,000,000 a month.

An official estimate, based on those figures for purchases, but the value of food bought for delivery to the British at about \$100,000,000. Officials said that a "large portion—probably in excess of 80 per cent"—already had been shipped.

The largest purchases have been of lard, pork products, cheese, dry

skimmed and evaporated milk, eggs, beans and cereals—foods which are high on the list of British needs. Purchases both for domestic relief and British aid since March 15 include:

Lard, 185,000,000 pounds; pork meat products (canned, cured and frozen) 172,000,000 pounds; cheese, 42,500,000 pounds; milk concentrates, 18,000,000 pounds; eggs, 100,000,000 pounds; dry beans, 173,000,000 pounds; wheat and oat cereals, 50,000,000 pounds; corn starch, 49,000,000 pounds.

Officials expect that an improvement in the Atlantic shipping situation during the next few months will result in an increased demand by the British for American food. They already are talking of a 25 to 50 per cent increase in allotments from any new lend-lease fund for the purchase of food.

NO PEACE WITH HITLER

The San Francisco "Chronicle" declares: "Peace with Hitler is impossible.

"Peace does not exist for him and his people do not realise what he has taken away from them. 'Peace with Hitler! Peace with the man who has never kept a promise except a promise of

MALAYA DEFENCES IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS

THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA INCREASED THE MILITARY THREAT TO MALAYA AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DEFENCES IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, SAID LT-GEN. A. E. PERCIVAL, G.O.C., MALAYA, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY.

None could say what was going to happen in the Far East, he continued. We had no aggressive designs of any kind but everyone in all the Services and walks of life was determined to do their duty to their country and Empire in defending Malaya.

By the occupation of air bases in Indo-China, Lt-Gen. Percival added, the threat of a surprise attack had increased and this would be further increased if Japan decided to go to Thailand. The British troops were fit and ready for anything.

They had shown by recent feats that they are capable of marches hitherto not thought possible in this climate, while the Australians were specialising in bush warfare, sometimes remaining in the bush for three days at a time.

Vast Organisation

The equipment position was satisfactory. A very vast organisation was being built up to gather supplies from various sources and shortly a branch of the Supply Council might be established in Singapore, to further facilitate allocation.

He concluded that the large reinforcements which had arrived on July 19 and August 5 had shown the seas were still reasonably safe.

If a threat to Malaya developed these reinforcements would continue to flow in as they have done in the past.—Reuter.

FUTURE GOVERNING OF SYRIA

QUESTIONED ON SYRIA IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY MR. ANTHONY EDEN SAID THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DECLARATION BY GENERAL CATROUX THAT UNTIL EVERY PART OF SYRIA WAS IN FULL OCCUPATION BY THE FREE FRENCH FORCES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT A TREATY PROVIDING FOR THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.

It was evident, said Mr. Eden, that the first step must be for the whole country to be occupied by the Allied forces and it was hoped that this process would be completed at a very early date.

As regards the future administration of the country the British Government were in no doubt that the Free French authorities were fully aware of the unsatisfactory conditions under the previous regime.—Reuter.

brutal savagery. "There can be no peace until the Hitler machine is broken beyond repair."—Reuter.

WINDING UP IN FINLAND

The Foreign Secretary made a statement on Anglo-Finnish relations in the Commons yesterday afternoon.

He reminded the House that Britain had announced as recently as July 22 their decision to maintain diplomatic relations with the Finnish Government.

"On August 1 the Finnish Minister called to inform me that his Government had decided to recall him and to suspend for the time being the activities of the Finnish Legation in London.

"The British Government deeply regret that the Finnish Government, acting no doubt under German pressure, have seen fit thus to take the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations.

"Most of the British subjects who wished to leave Finland, including the majority of those who offered their services to the Finnish Government at the time of the Soviet-Finnish War, had left Finland for Sweden before relations were severed.

"Arrangements are under discussion with the Finnish Government for the return of H.M. Minister and his staff to this country.

"The United States Minister at Helsinki has assumed charge of British interests in Finland, including the interests of those British subjects who have elected to remain. The Finnish Minister has given me an assurance that the Finnish Government regard themselves as in honour bound to provide for the British volunteers." — British Wireless.

CHEESE RATION TO BE HIGHER

In view of recent improvements in the cheese supply position the cheese ration for the ordinary British consumer will from August 25 be increased to three ounces per week. The special ration of eight ounces a week for underground miners, vegetarians and agricultural workers will remain unchanged. — British Wireless.

CHEERFULNESS BREAKS IN

Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

Tribute To Fine Soviet Effort: Review Of War

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS CHEERED LUSTILY, YESTERDAY WHEN THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, REFERRED TO THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND PEOPLE WHEN HE OPENED THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Attlee stressed the very heavy losses in men and materials by the German forces and gave an indication of the weight of the British air offensive, but he added caution against undue optimism.

There were, he said, satisfactory features in the present phase of the struggle which made it difficult for even the most philosophical to prevent cheerfulness from breaking in.

There was nothing wrong in being cheerful provided we did not allow ourselves to relax our efforts.

We should recognise that our better situation was only comparative and that although we had come through great dangers and triumphs, we were still fighting for our very existence against a very strong and ruthless enemy.

Outstanding fact of the position to-day as compared with a year ago was that Hitler was now fighting on two fronts, which German leaders had always striven to avoid. Hitler had attacked Britain furiously by air. He had waged war unceasingly at sea but invasion, which at the time seemed imminent had been postponed.

But, said Mr. Attlee, nothing could be more foolish than to imagine that postponement meant abandonment.

Constant Factor

The possibility of an attempt remained and must remain a constant factor in our considerations.

Instructions had been given to all forces in the British Isles to bring to the highest state of readiness the preparations against invasion.

The British Army at home was well equipped and ready and all strength was immeasurably greater than 12 months ago.

He was confident that should a German attempt at invasion by sea or air take place they would be destroyed but nothing could be left to chance.

Gigantic Struggle

Mr. Attlee continued: "To-day our eyes are naturally turned to the gigantic struggle ranging from the White to the Black Sea. Throughout the whole of that enormous battle area, the Russian Army and people are putting up a magnificent fight (Loud Cheers) against the massed forces of Germany and the hangers-on of the Nazi regime.

"It would be very foolish for any one to attempt to forecast the outcome of that struggle, but I think it is abundantly plain the plans of the German High Command for a rapid victory have not succeeded (Cheers).

"As long ago as July 13, the Germans claimed that Smolensk had fallen and that the roads to Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev were open. This claim has certainly not been substantiated.

"In the far North, Murmansk remains in Russian hands. Russian resistance is stubborn and the enemy has a considerable way to go before the railway line from Leningrad to Murmansk is reached.

Smolensk Battle

"On the south shore of the Baltic, the thrust towards Leningrad has made no real progress recently. Tremendous fighting is now taking place in the Smolensk area, but the way to Moscow is still far from clear.

from being open, while in the Ukraine, Kiev, the capture of which the Germans claimed three weeks ago, is still the bastion in the Russian defence.

"It is clear, from a communique of the German High Command, that they have been disagreeably surprised by the determination, courage and fighting quality of the Russian Army (Cheers). From the tone of German statements, it would appear that they do not consider such pertinacity to be quite playing the game (Laughter).

"It may not be the Nazi game, but it is a winning game. It is clear the Germans have sustained very heavy losses in men and material. I am sure everybody has been stirred by this splendid resistance to the invader (Loud Cheers).

British Aid

Mr. Attlee continued: "We are doing our utmost to give all possible assistance to our ally. A British military mission was at work in Moscow six days after the German invasion and a Russian mission has been at work in London for about the same time.

"We are taking urgent steps to furnish Russia with war materials and supplies for which she has asked.

"The activities of our Fleet at Kirkenes and elsewhere in the north show how close is our physical contact with the Russian forces.

"Above all, while the Russian armies had been stemming the attacks in the east, our bombers are delivering increasingly heavy attacks on western and central Germany.

Heavy Bombings

"Whenever weather conditions allow our attacks proceed without cessation and with growing weight while the depth to which they penetrate increases while the nights lengthen.

"During the month of July 70 attacks were made on towns in Germany and 78 on towns in German-occupied territory. A heavy weight of bombs was delivered with great effect.

"THESE KEEN BLOWS WILL BE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED. (CHEERS).

"In addition to night bombing there have been numerous intensive sweeps by fighter aircraft and daylight bombing raids with and without fighter aircraft.

"I do not think there can be any doubt as to the effect of these attacks on German morale and German communications and German industry.

"In the Middle East during July our air force delivered 126 attacks on various targets including Beirut, Benghazi and Tripoli.

Comparison Of Losses

"We have lost 265 aircraft while we have destroyed for certain 410 units of the enemy air fleet.

"In comparison of these figures with those of other periods of the war, when the ratio of aircraft destroyed was so much in our favour, it must be remembered that the true standard is not with September last, for then the Germans were attacking this country in force.

"It was the Germans who were sending their aircraft here in daylight. It is our turn to attack over enemy territory by night and by day.

"I think the result shows the continued superiority of our men and machines."

Declaring that he could not be expected to give any indication of other steps being taken to help Russia, Mr. Attlee said the House could rest assured that within the practical everything possible would be done.

Essential feature of the aid that Britain could give was not that it would be spectacular but that it would be effective.

Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Attlee said that during the past two months the Germans had continued the efforts to achieve success.

With the coming of spring the Germans were able to put an increasing number of U-boats into the water. Britain had made early provision to meet this danger by providing more anti-submarine craft.

In the course of the last few months, owing to the heavy scale of defence in home waters, the enemy had to tend to range further and further afield so that the sea battle was now being fought over an immense area extending far out toward the coasts of the United States and far south in the tropical seas of Africa.

In this battle, said Mr. Attlee, "we have of course suffered severe losses."

We shall not be satisfied while these losses continue but we can look back on the last two months with reasonable satisfaction.

"I cannot give detailed figures without presenting the enemy with information he would much like to have but I can say that supplies have been maintained at a satisfactory figure in spite of all the enemy's efforts. (Cheers).

Convoys Get Through

"Our convoys of vital supplies continue to arrive. From July 11 to July 28 the enemy were unable to broadcast a single claim of a successful attack by a U-boat.

"HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE MONTH, U-BOATS DID MEET WITH ONE OF THE SOUTHBOUND ATLANTIC CONVOYS. A LARGE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AND A GREAT EFFORT WAS MADE."

"A still greater effort was made by the Nazi propaganda claim to have sunk 116,000 tons in addition to a corvette and a destroyer.

They gave a vivid description of a destroyer squadron sailing around the convoy zigzagging while an auxiliary cruiser directed the movements of the convoy and the protecting ships, which included Q-boats.

"Next day they raised the total tonnage sunk to 140,000 tons."

KRUPPS AT ESSEN BOMBED TWENTY TIMES

The Air Minister disclosed in a parliamentary answer yesterday that the Krupps armament works at Essen had been attacked on 20 occasions. — British Wireless.

The Real Facts

"What were the real facts? There were no destroyers, no Q-boats and no auxiliary cruisers present."

The convoy was protected by corvettes, which gave a very good account of themselves, as the U-boats have reason to know.

"I cannot give exact details of the tonnage sunk. The enemy's claims represent an exaggeration of at least 350 per cent. and probably 700 per cent. (Laughter and cheers).

"If there were really some grounds for enemy satisfaction it would be unnecessary to indulge in these flights of fancy."

Holding Our Own

"None with any judgment would contend we have yet won the Battle of the Atlantic but we can say that in this vital part of the battlefield we are holding our own."

"The enemy has up to now failed to prevent the orderly transport of food and ammunition across the seas to this country."

"IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THE WAR AT SEA ALSO HAS ITS OFFENSIVE SIDE. JULY WAS A GOOD MONTH."

"On the North Sea and the Atlantic coast we destroyed, damaged or put out of action 69 enemy ships totalling 291,000 tons. This does not account for hits made on small craft, barges, tugs and the like."

"In the Mediterranean the numbers were 23 ships totalling 168,000 tons, and another 30 ships were hit and considerably damaged."

"Attacks were also made on more ships with satisfactory results. Apart from attacks on smaller units and attacks on warships, 459,000 tons were sunk, damaged or put out of action in that month." (Cheers).

Nazi Anxieties

Mr. Attlee continued: "Considering that targets offered by the enemy are much smaller than ours, these results must cause him anxiety and may contribute to the need for his putting out extravagant claims."

Mr. Attlee made a reference to the successful conveying of stores through the danger areas of the Mediterranean and paid, amidst cheers, a high tribute to the skill and courage of the protecting naval and air forces.

Referring to the Middle East, Mr. Attlee said the presence of British forces on the Turkish-Syrian border would confirm and fortify Britain's friendship and alliance with the Turks and enable Britain to afford greater protection to the inhabitants of Cyprus.

In the south-east only a small pocket of Italians was held up in Gondar. Elsewhere in Abyssinia the Emperor, with the help of his Cabinet of Ministers, had begun the reconstruction of his country. (Loud cheers).

At the Emperor's request, advisors had been placed at his disposal by the British Government and financial assistance was being afforded.

Libyan Campaign

On the left flank, in Libya, there was a constant offensive patrol.

FLORAL TRIBUTE

A number of Britain's fighting aircraft have been immortalised in the naming of new varieties of flowers after famous types in service with the R.A.F.

A firm of carnation growers known all over the world recently issued several new varieties bearing names of fighters, bombers and aero-engines forever linked with the great battles of the R.A.F. in the first year and a half of the war.

Among the fighters there is "Spitfire," described as harlequin colouring; "Hurricane" is a salmon pink; "Whirlwind" is a fine mauve; and "Defiant," taking evasive action, gets the sub-title, a lovey distinct fancy.

Bombers are commemorated in "Blenheim," a luscious red—possibly in recognition of the colour seen by its Nazi victims—and "Wellington," an apricot shade. The Coastal aircraft "Sunderland" and "Hudson" have respectively inspired the naming of a massive white carnation and one of wine shade.

"Merlin," the magnificent Rolls-Royce engine which powers many of the R.A.F.'s swiftest planes, has as its namesake a bloom described as a gorgeous fancy.

Rose, and other flowers, are likely also to be given names in the tradition of the R.A.F.—names which will live as long as "Dorothy Perkins" and "Mrs. Simpkins."

One can visualise, in the days to come, some benign middle-aged gentleman shewing a visitor round his garden. "And that one there is 'Spitfire'—flew one myself in the Battle of Britain in '40'."

both on the Libyan border and in Tobruk, where the vigour of the British fighting patrols had kept the enemy in such a state of continued nervousness that he had to illuminate the desert by night with searchlights.

Meanwhile, Mr. Attlee continued, "day by day and week by week, tanks, guns, planes and supplies continue to arrive in the Middle East and reorganisation and training for the next forward move go on."

"Another fact which differentiates our situation from that of last year is the vastly increased scope of the assistance we are receiving from the United States. (Cheers).

"Not only does this stream of material exceed anything we received in the last war but it is sent to us under the extraordinarily generous terms of the Lend and Lease Act. (Cheers).

"The visit of Mr. Harry Hopkins had for its main purpose the promotion of even greater assistance under this Act."

European Unrest

There was clear evidence, he continued, of the rising tide of resistance to Hitler's rule in all the invaded countries. From the start there had been sullen resentment and growing opposition, and this increased month by month.

The "V" Campaign was no stunt but the spontaneous expression of the desire and hopes of civilised human beings who longed for deliverance from barbarian rule.

Mr. Attlee concluded: "The nations in Europe look to us, not only to destroy Hitlerism but to show by practice as well as by precept a true alternative to Hitler's new order."

"We cannot foresee whether the time or the circumstances of our victory; we cannot tell the trials and difficulties that we have yet to endure, but we know that when victory comes, as come it will, we shall have to take a leading part in helping establish a world of peace, freedom and social justice." (Loud cheers). — Reuter.

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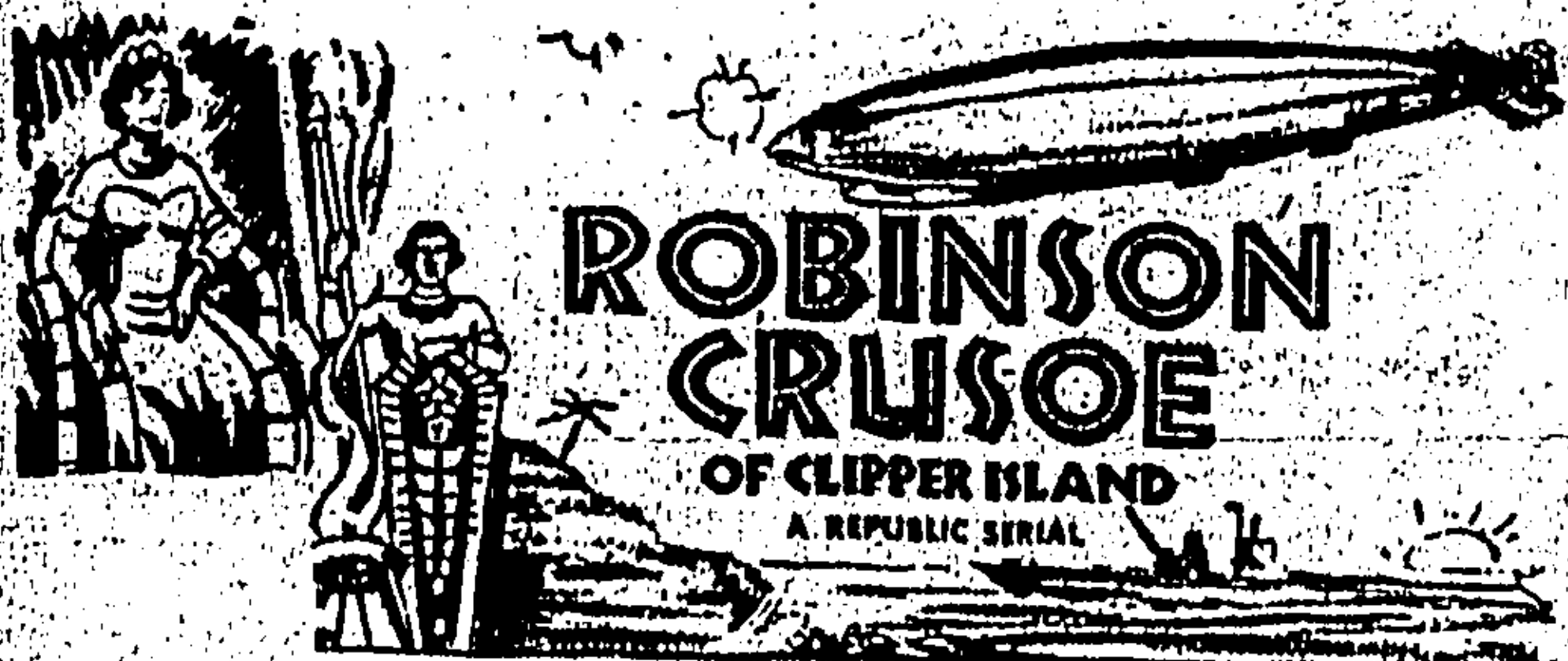
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THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SPEAKING IN THE WAR DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID IT WAS TRUE THERE HAD BEEN A SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF THE WAR AS A RESULT OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA.

Mr. Eden continued: "That shift has had another consequence within Germany herself. Hitler, by his completely unprovoked action, has to some extent crossed and confused the fate of his own people.

"He brought them up on the belief that Communism was an enemy. He made a complete change of front when, two years ago, he entered into an arrangement with Soviet Russia.

"He has now asked his people to follow him in yet another change.

"Inevitably, as can be seen and even felt in the terms of the communiques, that action has crossed and confused German faith in its own war purpose.

"References have been made to my speech of a few days ago, and to the distinction which I there sought to draw in our post-war settlements between the military treatment of Germany and the economic treatment of Germany.

No Wavering

"Militarily every precaution that can be devised to see that Germany does not for the sixth time plunge Europe into war has got to be taken. (Cheers).

"It may be that in Germany there will eventually grow up a spirit different from this thing which has created Hitler and supports him.

"But we cannot afford to take any risk in that respect. (Cheers.) On that there can be no wavering.

"ECONOMICALLY THE POSITION IS DIFFERENT. TO PUT IT AT ITS LOWEST IT WOULD BE TO OUR DISADVANTAGE AND TO EUROPE'S THAT GERMAN SHOULD BE ECONOMICALLY RUINED AFTER THE WAR."

Political Warfare

"The British Government," Mr. Eden continued, "realise that this state of affairs created an opportunity for political warfare.

"We have made certain changes recently in the work for the co-ordination and for the operation of our political warfare. I believe these changes will bring a further improvement.

"It is certainly true that we are now entering a period of greater opportunities than we have had before for political warfare, and I can assure you that so far as Government is concerned we realise the opportunity has been given.

On Two Fronts

"It is true, as true as Mr. Attlee said, that there is a war on two fronts. It is true in the sense that there is already a war in the air — I would say in actual fact on more than two fronts, for the Mediterranean is a third front in which a very vigorous war at sea and in the air is at this moment taking place.

"It is true that German plans had to be made on the assumption of a war on two fronts. This is what Mr. Attlee meant and this in no way discloses to the enemy what action may or may not be our future plan or intentions."

Middle East

Referring to the Middle East situation, Mr. Eden said: "We have said over and over again that this country has no territorial ambitions in this war."

"We seek no territory anywhere. We did not go to war to enlarge our frontiers.

"We went to war because the Nazi menace threatened the life of Europe and our own lives and freedom, as it threatens to-day the people of the world. We went to war to resist aggression, not to

steal prizes or pilfer loot."

Mr. Eden said: "It follows there can be on our part only one policy towards all those nations who live in the area bounded on the west by the Suez Canal and on the east by the frontiers of India.

One Policy

"For all countries who live in that area we have only one policy. We wish them to live their own lives in security and at peace.

"After the (Great) War in Iraq and after considerable expenditure of money we set up an independent Iraqi State and withdrew our forces.

"The world will have to look far before it will find any sign of action of that kind in Hitler's policy.

"When our conflict with Germany and Italy is over we shall do our utmost to assist those lands of the Middle East to enjoy a free and independent life.

"Meanwhile our forces of men and material in the Middle East are being strengthened for their next forward blow.

Must Cooperate

"I suggest to those lands in the Middle East that the blows which these forces will strike will be blows struck for their own independence as much as for ours.

"That carries with it the corollary that those countries must cooperate with us in ensuring that they do not afford an opportunity to Germany or to the Axis to create trouble, disturbances, upheavals and risings to further their war effort.

"To take one example, there is in Iran to-day a large number of Germans. Experience has shown in many lands that these German colonists, experts, tourists or whatever they may be called, are extremely dangerous to the independence of the country in which they are found.

Iran Warned

"We have drawn the serious attention of the Iranian Government to the danger to their own interests which they are risking by continuing to permit large numbers of Germans to reside in their country.

"I trust the Iranian Government will not fail to heed this warning given in all friendliness and in all sincerity, and that they will take the necessary measures

now to deal with this situation.

"The foundation of our relations with Turkey is the Anglo-Turkish Treaty which we have and shall continue to observe loyally.

"The friendship between this country and Turkey can be a lasting contribution to European understanding not only during the war but after the war.

"Suggestions have been reported in the press from time to time, made by enemy propaganda, that we might agree or have agreed to some arrangement or other at the expense of Turkey.

Full Part

"There is not a shred of truth in any such suggestion. We would never agree to anything of the kind nor has any suggestion of the kind ever been made to us by any power.

"The post-war world will require the collaboration of many states, great and small. In that world modern Turkey, re-created by the genius of Atatürk, will have her full part to play and in doing so Turkey will decide her own course and choose her own collaborators.

"There is another country in the Near East about which I must speak in very different terms — Bulgaria.

Bulgaria's Day Coming

"Bulgaria took the opportunity presented by the wanton attacks of Italy and Germany on Greece and Yugoslavia to seize a large stretch of Greek and Yugoslavian territory.

"In so doing she showed herself hostile to her Balkan neighbours and to the whole conception of Balkan unity.

"SHE MAY REST ASSURED THAT IN THE END HER ILL-GOTTEN GAINS WILL NOT BENEFIT HER. HER ACTION WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN BY OURSELVES NOR BY OUR ALLIES WHEN THE DAY OF RECKONING COMES. (CHEERS)

"It has been said with truth that we have watched with growing admiration the magnificent resistance of the Russian Army, and the arrangement to which a few days ago the Russian and Polish Governments came for the immediate regulation of their own affairs, is equally heartening. It will open a new chapter.

Polish Step

"Despatch is being used in giving effect to the agreement. A Commander-in-Chief of the Polish forces in Russia has already been appointed by the Polish Government in agreement with the Soviet Government, and has begun his work.

"Officers from this country and one or two representative Polish political officers are already in Moscow and have begun their work and I have been assured by both countries, and I am convinced it is true, that they are determined to work in agreement with energy to make the maximum contribution possible to the defeat of Germany at the earliest possible moment." — Reuter.

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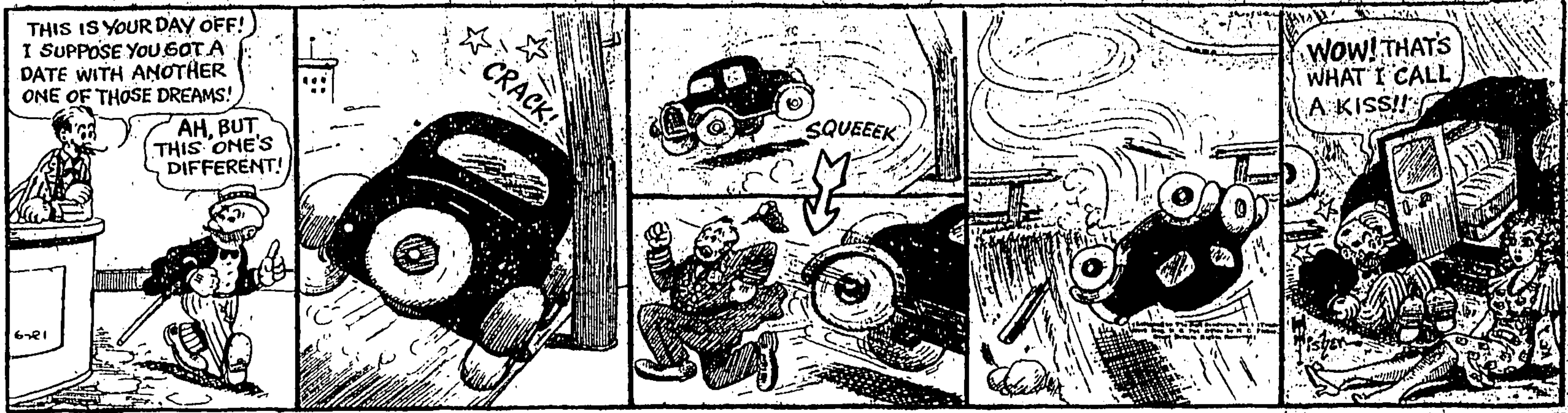
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Included in this vast collection of bottles are some of historic interest. There are two bottles of Tokay, one dating from 1718 and the other from 1794, both originally bought in Dresden from the Royal House of Saxony; a bottle of Marsala originally sent to St. Helena in the Bellerophon for Napoleon's use, but which he was forbidden by his doctor to drink; and a bottle of the Tsar's champagne bearing the Imperial seal.

One odd contribution comes from the Oxford police. This is the confiscated stock of an Italian restaurateur who, on being questioned, proved to have no licence. This lot contains some out-of-the-way drinks, including arrack, a spirituous liquor distilled in the Far East, doubtless intended to appeal to experimental undergraduate palates.

RESTIVENESS IN NAZI-OCCUPIED EUROPE

A SERIES OF United Press reports give a vivid picture of the unsettled conditions in German-occupied Europe.

A Stockholm despatch reports that a state of siege has been declared at Salesund, western Norway, because of sabotage and anti-German demonstrations.

The despatch said Norse patriots damaged German communications and military establishments and that the Germans seized 10 leading Salesund citizens as hostages.

When the police took them to the ship for transport to Germany, 5,000 persons tried to rescue them and it was necessary to call soldiers.

The German official news agency from Belgrade reported nine "Communists" were executed in north-eastern Yugoslavia for sabotage.

Several days ago over 100 "Communists and Jews" were shot in Belgrade.

Serb Guerillas

United Press reports from Ankara quoted diplomats as saying the Germans had sent 25,000 more troops to Yugoslavia because of the guerillas.

Another Ankara despatch, quoting travellers from Greece, said that about 10 deaths occurred daily in Athens from starvation and men fainted daily in the streets from hunger.

The travellers said the Greeks were recklessly pro-British and held their noses when German or Italian troops passed, cheered British prisoners and left restaurants when Germans or Italians entered.

Budapest Arrests

United Press from Budapest reported that three former members of the Rumanian National Labour Party were sent to a concentration camp for unspecified charges.

An Ankara despatch on the defection in Greece said the German authorities no longer sounded air raid alarms when British planes raided aerodromes because the Greeks immediately climbed to cheer the British raiders.

The Germans have given up trying to prevent Greeks from listening to British broadcasts because they would have to shoot too many.

It was added that rifle shots often were heard after curfew.

"V" For Victory

The "V" for British victory appeared on walls and windows everywhere, accompanied by the letters "R.A.F."

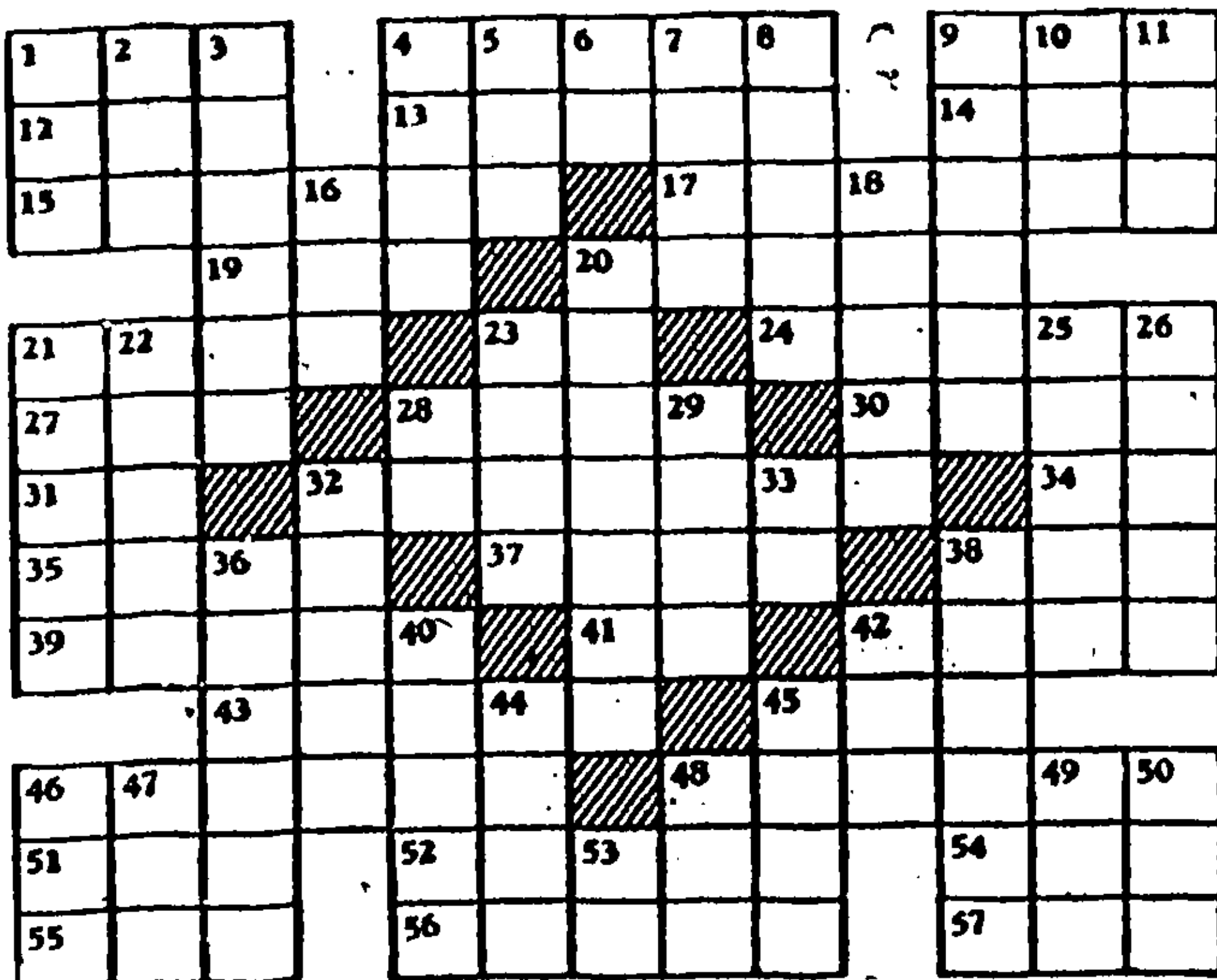
One traveller said he saw "Long Live England" traced in the dust beside a German staff car. — Reuter.

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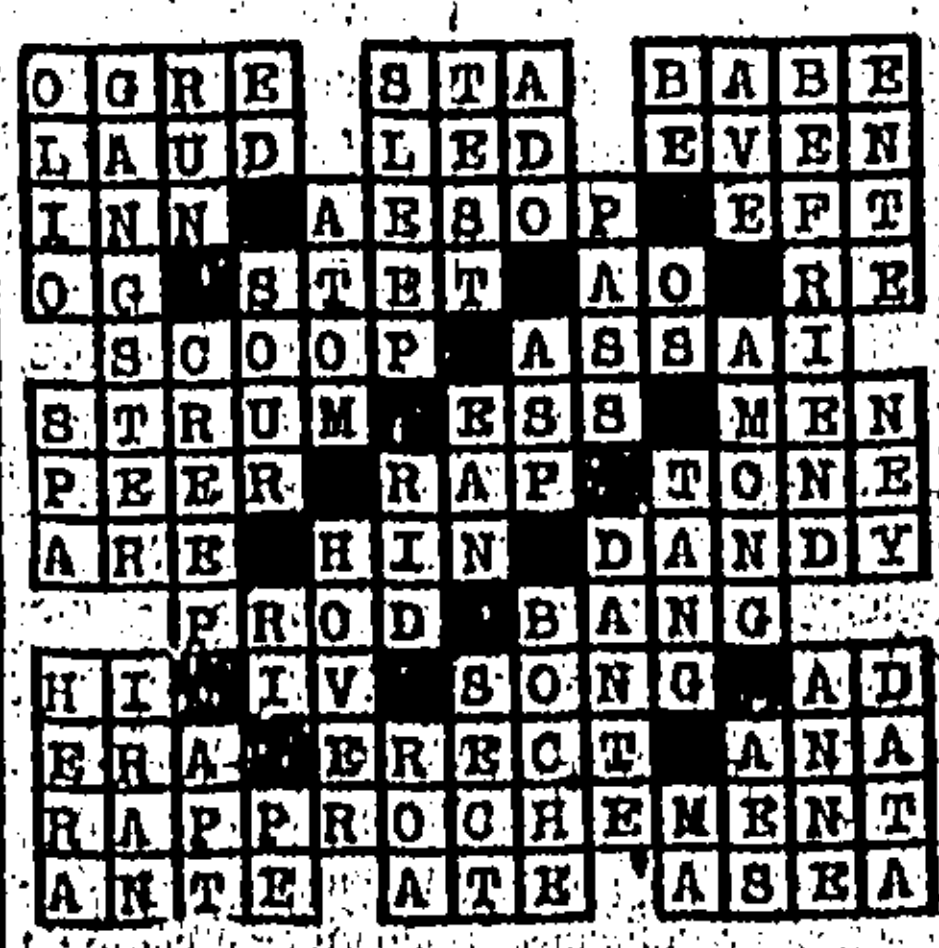
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- 1 Viper
- 4 To think
- 9 To disencumber
- 12 To observe
- 13 Thin metal disc
- 14 Australian bird
- 15 German composer
- 17 Level tract of land
- 19 Vase
- 20 To gaze
- 21 To change
- 23 Note of scale
- 24 To hang
- 27 Some
- 28 Cupola
- 30 Pertaining to the ear
- 31 You and me
- 32 Armoured war vessel
- 34 Spanish article
- 35 Roman emperor
- 37 Dash
- 38 Peruvian tuber
- 39 Stale
- 41 Interjection
- 42 Allowance for waste
- 43 Fish-eating mammal

VERTICAL

- 1 Timber tree
- 2 Ocean
- 3 State of want
- 4 To begin
- 5 Slang; chum
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 Bird's home

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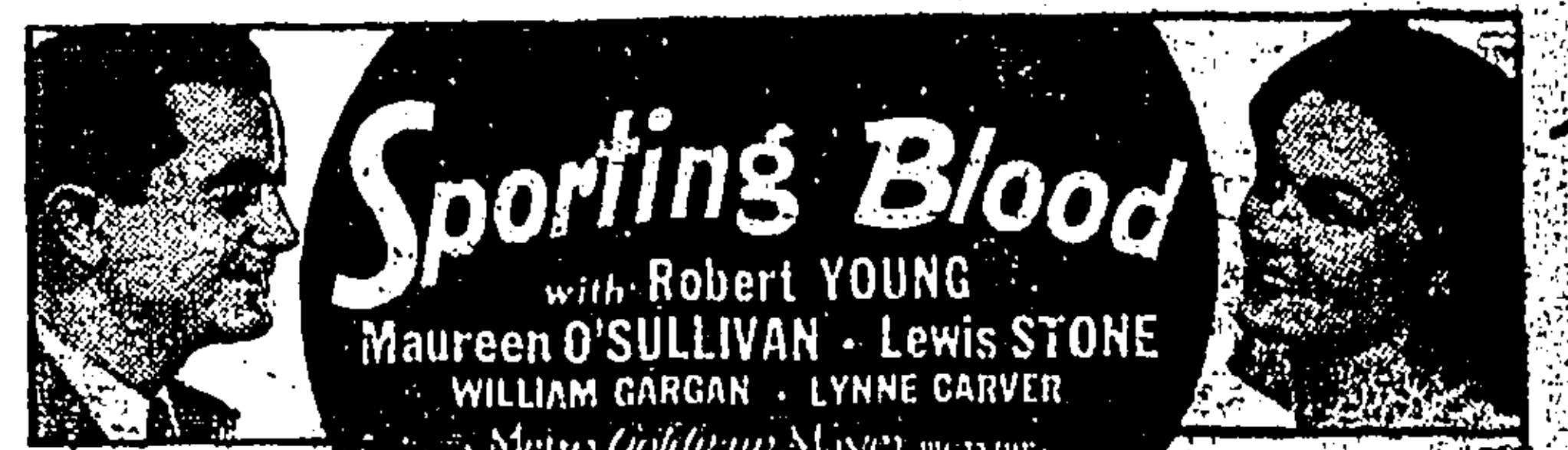


- 8 Toward the centre
- 9 To reiterate
- 10 Devil
- 11 Owning
- 16 To remove moisture from
- 18 Mistake
- 20 Like
- 21 To boast of
- 22 Genus of geese
- 23 Accent
- 25 Part
- 26 Splendor
- 28 To act
- 29 Eskimo settlement
- 32 Maxim
- 33 Proposition
- 36 Reveler
- 38 Fruit
- 40 Small cases
- 42 Indo-Chinese language
- 44 Sea eagle
- 45 Sounded
- 46 Split pulse
- 47 Female sheep
- 48 Back
- 49 Against
- 50 Possessed
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SHANGHAI MAN SHOWS GREAT BRAVERY

Lieut.-Commander A. B. Palmer, R.N., an Australian, is known as "Stop at Nothing" Palmer, because of his daring feats with the Mediterranean Fleet.

his name, that to me, dear friend, was a darn good effort. I forget things so easily nowadays, and I can ill afford to do so.

Tony Keswick is over here somewhere. I had, serving as my First Lieutenant, none other than Earl Beatty, his father was C-in-C last war, featured prominently at the battle of Jutland. Beatty has gone now, he wanted some other ship or some job ashore. I forget which. I'm invited to live at his castle any time I arrive in England. How Am I Doin'——?

The war has taken a turn for the better, this attack on Russia will give the British a good opportunity to start something. I hope they do at least. . . . The States are doing a good job. I see supplies everywhere made in U.S.A.

The cables told how his craft repelled an attack by two Heinkel bombers. His gunner shot down one with an Italian Breda gun. "I got wounded three times in a recent show, but that's nothing," says Pulmer in his last letter.

"This sea is lousy with mines, floating, anchored, and acoustic, and it is no trouble to make their acquaintance.

"Then there are 'subs', high, low, and dive-bombers, and internal torpedo boats. I've experienced them all."

Palmer's greatest feat was when air and sea forces made a concentrated attack on a number of small British ships taking supplies to Tobruk.

His superb seamanship enabled his craft to get through, while the other vessels were lost. He was piped on the flagship and honoured at a dinner by 170 officers of the fleet.

And in the following letter to a local resident, Lieut.-Commander Palmer gives his own version of life in the Royal Navy:—

I know I'm a heel and deserve all you have said about me, or even thought, but—, so help me, I am I a hard-working gal these days, all the glamour that was attached to this man's Navy has gone and we are down to the grindstone in a big way. Of course I would join at a time like that. I always say the only thing I consistently do right is the wrong thing.

How is the golf,—? you seem to have blossomed out with good cards, after I slid out from the partnership. Probably my bad play held you back. "Ole Son," the old adage of incentive was not present. Anyhow, the days of golf on that Race Course were damn fine. I wish I could get out there for another game this Sunday. Damn trouble here—, is no exercise at all. At sea I have long hours, and I'm on my feet for days but active exercise, nothing doing, and furthermore time ashore is so limited no serious game can be undertaken— nice golf courses here too.

How is the "Troop"? I often wonder if I'll ever meet any of them, over here. I have met several chaps that I never expected to; Rodger's or Allman will remember a chap that was in the Troop in 1932, called Harkess (George Harkess); well I met him in a local pub, hadn't seen the chap for nine years, yet he remembered me, and best of all, I remembered him also, and said

Four or five times a week for a year officials on the Franco-Swiss frontier allowed Miss Maris Ginsberg to pass with her car-load of food and clothing for refugees in concentration camps.

They got to know her so well that they never bothered to look through her cargo.

That is how she was able to bring more than 6,000 people to freedom.

Buried among the parcels were passports of many kinds acquired by Miss Ginsberg from sympathetic consulates.

To leave France it is necessary to have a French exit visa which men of military age were unable to obtain. So Miss Ginsberg disguised her refugees.

Eventually Miss Ginsberg's telephone calls were tapped and she left for New York.

THEY CAN'T FAKE BEER

They can fake almost anything in Hollywood these days. An imitation blitz is nothing to them.

But when it comes to beer they're beat. And so, it appears is George Raft.

He's just been making a new film, "Man Power," in one scene with Marlene Dietrich he had to

Bodies of 30,000 Italian soldiers, apparently from sunken Italian troop transports, have been washed ashore in Tunis, North Africa, states Columbia Broadcasting System, New York.

EXPERTS SEE U.S. 'PLANES

After spending all day looking over every type of fighter and bomber from America, 250 of Britain's leading aircraft designers and test pilots paid glowing tributes to the 'planes.

It was the biggest conference of such experts ever held in Britain. Machines from the little Tomahawk fighter to the great four-engined Liberator bomber were lined up in three ranks at an aerodrome.

As the types of machines America is now sending us run into double figures, there was plenty of material for study.

The planes made an imposing picture, reminiscent of the Hendon pageant. Designers and builders took off their coats. They scrambled into machines, crawled beneath them, and climbed ladders to pry into the engines.

All Britain's aircraft industry was represented. Designers, directors of British aircraft companies, test pilots, Atlantic "Ferry" pilots and members of the Society of Aircraft Construction conferred.

One English designer whose name will be a household word when the war is ended said to a group round a Havoc night-fighter, "We must have speed and

altitude. The war is being fought at 40,000ft, and the engine which gives the maximum boost at altitude is the one which is going to see us through."

The company cheered when they heard that the Havoc had taken its toll in the night's bag of 33 Nazi planes shot down.

Executives were present from the Ministry of Aircraft Production, factories responsible for the assembly of the United States fighters. They were anxious to help designers to seek out the finest features of the American planes to build into our own, for we are exchanging our secrets with America.

Many of the air experts expressed the opinion that British designers could help America in the development of operational equipment, particularly armament. There was high praise on the smoothness of our technical co-operation with American designers and builders.

drink beer—and it had to be the real stuff.

The scene was shot six times, reports the B.U.P. Six bottles of beer. Inside, George Raft. His speech became somewhat slurred.

George doesn't like beer, either.
Each mouthful hurt him.

But, as he said a little indistinctly, a man has to earn a living somehow.

CHINA MAIL
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UNASSIMILATED

From the Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed. Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There all but three of the eighteen Provincial Governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling. Three are under arrest, and these presumably are the three left nominally in office. For the vacant places there are available only the subservient dregs of the population who seek German favour by submission to any and all German demands. They command neither the respect nor the co-operation necessary to authority.

German punishment of such intransigence is prompt, but thus far it has been ineffectual. Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country. But it will not profit the occupying Power. Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline. Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise. Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun.

"LEAVE THEM ALONE"

Like the policeman's the life of the Italian soldier is not a happy one. Occasionally he may be called upon to fight, which is bad. But when tired of fighting he can always surrender. He has his way out. At home rations may be short. His spaghetti and olive oil may in his view be less than he needs to keep in good form. But he has his consolations in the past. They say that women always fall for a uniform, forgetting that it is not the pants but the personality that counts. And if one happens to be an officer, with gold braid here and there about the person, then one may even aspire so high as a chorus girl; for chorus girls are notoriously fond of gold braid, ranking it second only to the gold itself. Now, however, the "Popolo d'Italia" has come out with a warning to Italian chorus girls to "leave the army alone." In addition they are forbidden to wear pseudo-army uniforms on the stage or to do the Italian



GO PICK ON SOME OTHER "GUYS"

The Writing On The Wall

Dr. Goebbels recently informed neutral journalists in Berlin that Germany must end the war this year. Germany's only object, he said, is to expel Britain from Europe and to secure peace by the defeat and conquest of the British Isles. Hitherto, he explained, the weather has been unfavourable, but three weeks of fine weather in succession will show what German aircraft can do.

German aircraft can do much. They have been bombing London

goosestep. The goosestep is the prerogative of the "glorious soldier," however much he may not like it. This is as hard upon the soldier as it is upon the chorus girl, but no doubt the warning was issued with the best of intentions. Once upon a time it was believed that semi-military displays encouraged the martial spirit. Perhaps they still do, but the authorities have discovered that if there is no martial spirit to be encouraged, they may encourage other things less desirable. The goosestep is in itself a harmless method of proceeding from one spot to another, though it may be slow and a trifle fatiguing. The spectacle of somebody else doing it on the stage may have softened some of the horrors of war for the Italian soldier and sown the seeds of a belief that he may not look when he is doing it quite as foolish as he may feel. But now even that small consolation is denied him. It seems that the Italian authorities have only to cut down the speed limit on the stage and the drama will have no appeal to the military mind at all.

and other British cities again. British aircraft have not been inactive — as the Germans know. But last year Britons saw what German aircraft can do in fine weather. During August and September, 1940, the weather favoured them. Then they out-numbered British and Allied aircraft by three to one. Hitler had announced his arrival in London on August 15. He failed to arrive. His aircraft were shot down by

By Wickham Steed

the numerically inferior British and Allied aircraft at the rate of more than three German losses to one British and Allied loss. Thus he lost the first Battle of Britain. It may have been the decisive battle of the war.

Britons Remember

If Dr. Goebbels has forgotten what happened then, Britons have not forgotten. They know, too, that the quality of British aircraft and pilots to-day is equal to their quality last year, and that they are no longer outnumbered by three to one. So Britain awaits fine weather without trepidation.

I have just read an analysis, by a competent German expert, of Hitler's attempt to defeat and conquer Britain last year. Unlike some British experts who believed that Germany then used only a part of her first-line air strength against Britain, the German expert declares that in September 1940 Hitler used all his available aircraft in the battle. After the failure of the first German attack in August, Hitler and Goering felt that they must throw everything into the attempt to defeat Britain. The German expert reckons that in the two attempts German losses in pilots and crews were between 17,000 and 18,000 trained men, including the pilots and crews lost while trying to land at their bases in machines which British and Allied airmen had damaged.

British official figures of German losses took no account of these damaged machines. Only German aircraft actually destroyed

ed over England or forced down into the sea were counted. If this German expert is right Dr. Goebbels may feel less confident than he seems that Britain will be defeated and conquered this year. Yet he is right in supposing that in order to secure peace Nazi Germany must defeat and conquer the British Isles. Britons think it will not be easy, either this year or at any future time.

In September 1914 Germany was heavily defeated at the first battle of the Marne. The defeat was hidden from the German people until the spring of 1918. When they heard of its their spirit broke. One day the German people will also learn how heavily Hitler was defeated in the Battle of Britain last year. Then their spirit may be shaken once again. General Milch, who created the German air force, has urged them not to give way to despondency. Before long the German people will certainly have cause to know how powerful British aircraft have become.

Germany also has reason to understand the meaning of the Lease-and-Lend Bill. In material help to Britain its effects will be remarkable. But there are political and moral sides to the Bill which neither Hitler nor Goebbels can overlook. I think the passing of the Lease-and-Lend Bill the most significant event in Anglo-American history since the North American colonies declared their independence of Britain in 1776. For the first time in Anglo-American history the British people have won not only the respect but the admiration of a great majority of United States citizens. This has never happened before. Nothing like it happened even in the war of 1914-1918. And if it has happened now there are two main reasons for it.

The Two Reasons

One reason is certainly a conviction in the United States that British resistance to Nazi Germany is the first line of defence for the Western Hemisphere. But another and more potent reason is a belief that Britain is not fighting for British imperialism or for any territorial ambition. Britain is seen to be fighting the foes of human freedom whom it is the moral duty no less than the interest of the United States to help Britain and her Allies to defeat and destroy.

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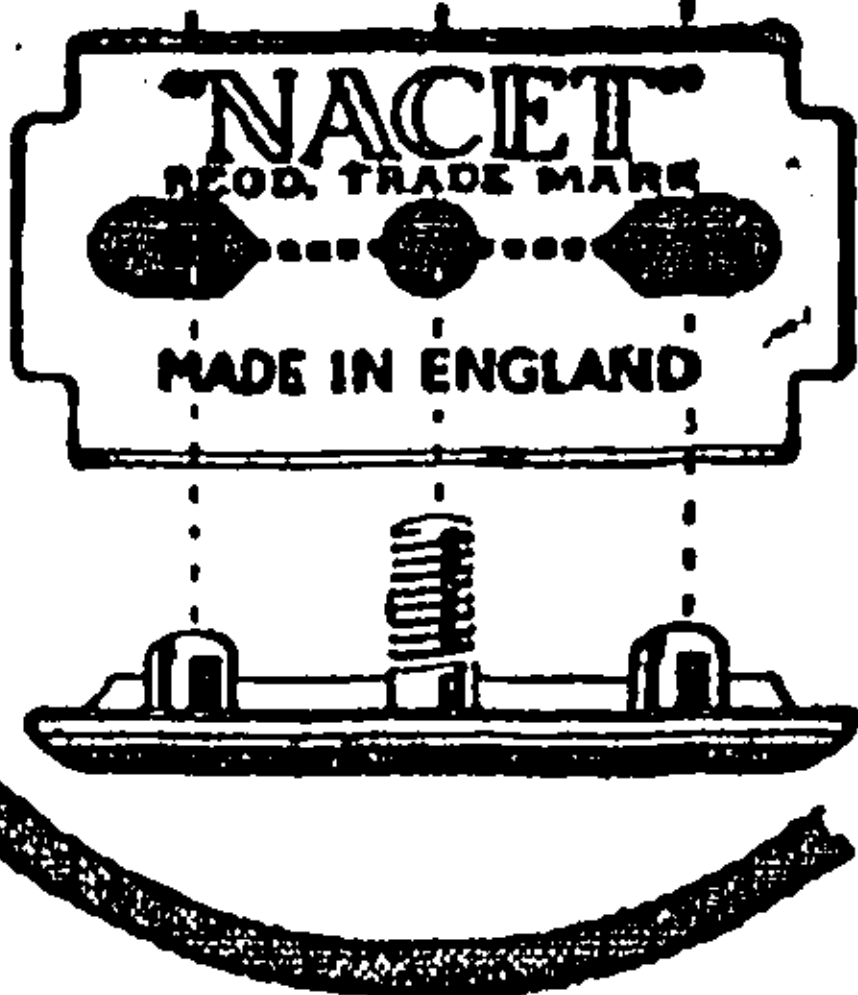
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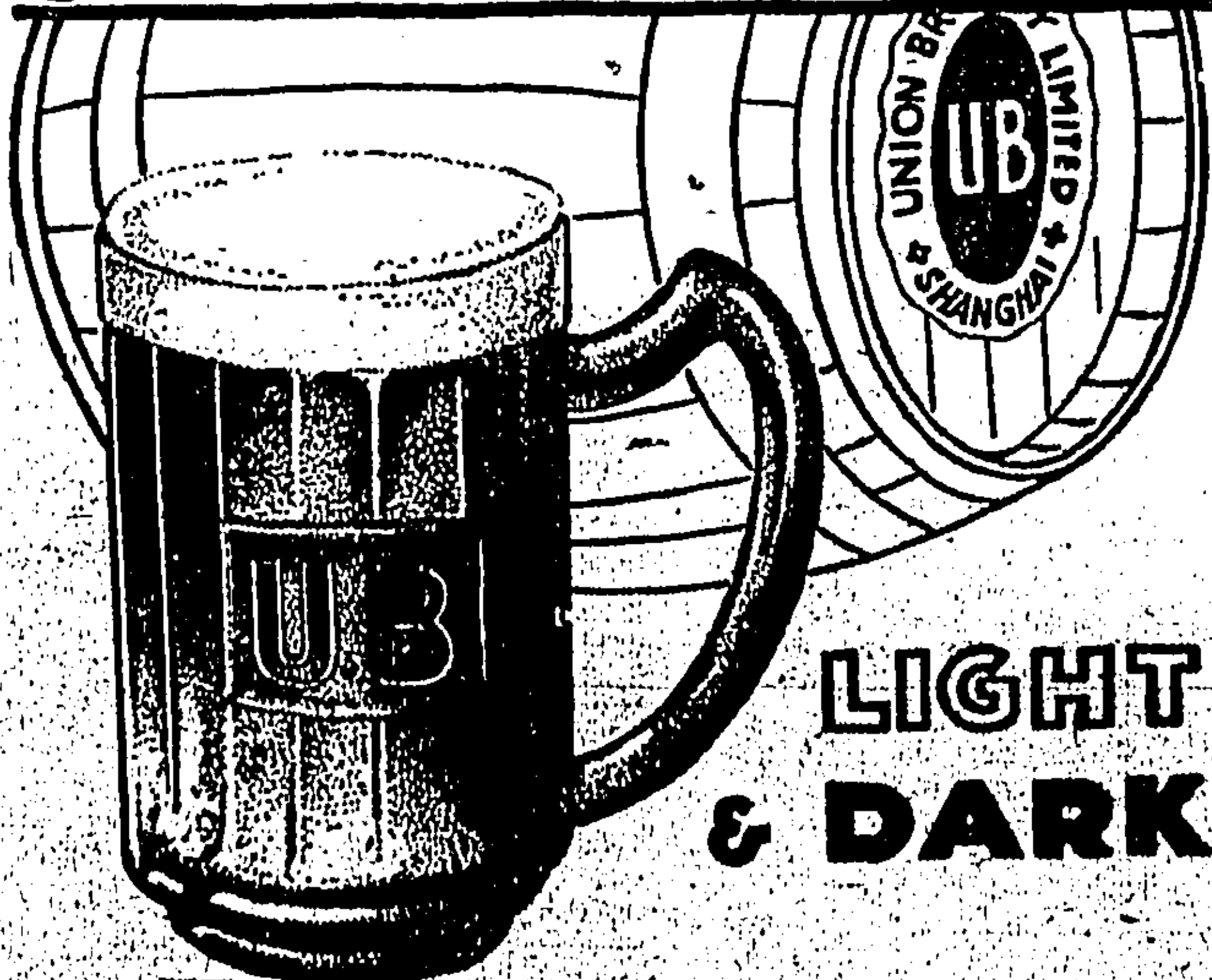
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NORTH CHINA UNRUFFLED BY EVENTS

AS USUAL, all the exciting events taking place in the world outside — Russian-German war, change of cabinet in Japan, and so forth — have completely failed to ruffle the placid surface of life in Peiping. The only display of political interest of any kind has been a languid and, one must say, somewhat belated celebration in honour of the recognition of the Nanking government by eight Axis Powers.

The little interest shown by the Chinese in this recognition business is evidenced by the fact that I have not yet met a single educated Chinese who could give you offhand the names of the eight countries that have recognised Nanking. (I must admit I can only do so myself with considerable doubt and hesitation and by counting them off carefully on my fingers). While, if you ask any ordinary Chinese where Slovakia is, he will reply "Who knows?"

Recently an open-air meeting, under the auspices of the Hsin min hui and the Peiping Municipality was held outside the Tai hien in the Forbidden City. It was attended by high Chinese and Japanese officials and the diplomatic representatives of Germany, Italy and Spain. There were also marched up, to give body to the meeting, a few thousand students and school children.

The celebrations appear to have been staged for a dual purpose, to kill two birds with one stone, so to say. For they were also used as an opportunity to advertise, and make the public acquainted with the second Public Security Intensification Campaign, which is supposed to be at present under way. Exactly what this campaign is about remains a mystery to everyone—even to its sponsors apparently—all the more as people have been repeatedly told that north China has been completely pacified.

Anyhow, the Peiping public is about as peaceful and subdued, as well could be, these days. This is on a par with some of the propaganda slips used in the campaign which are pasted on rickshaws and telegraph poles, calling on the public to "oppose the policy of resistance to the end." Seeing that local inhabitants have never shown the faintest signs of resistance, ever since the Japanese marched in here four years ago, it is not clear, how any opposition of theirs is likely to affect Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's policy in Chungking.

However, to return to the meeting—the Public Security Intensification Campaign seems to have weighed more on the minds of the Chinese officials than the recognition of Nanking. The mayor, for instance, after a short perfunctory reference to the kindness of the eight Axis Powers, appealed to the meeting to continue its effort for the "new order" and then proceeded to explain the idea behind the intensification campaign.

German Counsellor Speaks

The Counsellor of the German Embassy also addressed the meeting, but with marked caution and ambiguity. After the usual obligatory platitudes about the "new order in east Asia," he declared oracularly that "During the past years German and Chinese relations have been greatly improved and become much closer. (Presumably when Germany was recognising the Chiang Kai-shek Government). With our recognition of the Nanking government as the Central Government of China German-Chinese relations will remain unchanged."

The idea probably is that, if things do not happen to work out according to the Nazi plan, the Germans will turn round and say "Well, it was a Chinese government we were recognising, anyhow, wasn't it?" Although the Axis Powers have now recognised the Wang Ching-wei government in Nanking, and have therefore cut adrift from their former policy, there has so far been no talk of their closing up their branch embassies here.

Change Of Command

There has been a certain amount of speculation, as to whether the change of Japanese commanders in north China

will make any difference. Gen. Okamura, the new commander-in-chief of the North China Garrison, is reputed to be a very "go-ahead" personage. Be that as it may, it is not clear in what direction he could go ahead politically—as things stand here at present — nor militarily either, without considerable reinforcements.

Some remarks that the outgoing commander, Gen. Tada, is reported to have made in a farewell speech before his departure, would seem to show that he was not unaware of the true state of relations between the two peoples and also, by the way, that he has a considerable sense of humour. In a speech at a farewell dinner party in honour of the general, Mr. Wang I-tang, chairman of the North China Political Affairs Commission, referred to the fact that the general was an old Peiping hand, having been here on three different occasions: first as captain, then colonel and finally as general, and hoped to see him next time as a field-marshal, or words to that effect.

Sino-Japanese Relations Worse

Gen. Tada in reply said, it was true that he had been in Peiping in three different ranks, but he had noticed that each time he had been here, relations between the Japanese and Chinese had been a little worse. He therefore regretted that his military career had not been the other way about; on a descending scale.

Much speculation and rumour has been caused by the cancellation of the express to Fusan on two successive mornings. Some say it is due to troop movements to Manchoukuo or Mongolia, though, in that case, it is not clear why just this particular express train should have been taken off.

Other stories have it that it has been required to take a party of important Japanese back to Korea. If that is so, it seems strange the Japanese should have made such a mystery of the cancellation and clamped down a strict censorship on all mention of it.

GETS TWO HUNS ON BIRTHDAY

The leader of a fighter auxiliary squadron recently celebrated his 25th birthday by shooting down two Messerschmitts in the Channel and reached his aerodrome in time for tea.

His squadron destroyed six aircraft that day, the best daylight performance by any Fighter Command squadron for months.

The squadron leader, who fought in France with a Hurricane squadron, won the D.F.C. last November. He then had six enemy aircraft to his credit. Two other pilots of the squadron each got two victims, one of them a sergeant-pilot, was in action for the first time. A quick

RATIONED SHAVES

Owing to the shortage of barbers in Birmingham many shops are rationing shaves. Others have stopped shaving altogether.

Clients are voluntarily rationing their haircuts by half.

Hairdressers' assistants who have gone into factories are now cutting hair in the works to save men waiting in barbers' saloons.

RISKED LIFE FOR ENEMY

Clinging to a life line hanging from the side of his ship, an eighteen-year-old midshipman battled desperately through the storm-swept sea in a bid to rescue a German rating from the sunk Bismarck.

From the deck of a British ship he had seen the exhausted German clinging to the rope.

Four times he was half way up the lifeline to safety only to be swept away.

The midshipman stripped off his jacket and plunged in.

He found the German at last, tied the rope round his body. Together they were slowly hauled through the waves towards the British ship.

Half-way up a wave heeled the ship, flung the two men against the side and swung them away again. The midshipman lost his hold and he and the German rating fell back.

In the short time he had before his ship moved off, he battled through the sea again, found another life line and was hauled safely aboard.

"I just couldn't see that fellow go down after the terrific effort he'd made," he said.

PRIMATE'S PLEA ON WAR AIMS

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, DR. LANG, BROADCAST A MESSAGE FROM A LONDON MEETING CONVENED BY THE "SWORD OF THE SPIRIT" ORGANISATION. THIS WAS CREATED BY CARDINAL HINSLEY TO GIVE A LEAD ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE.

"The first aim of this tremendous struggle we are engaged in," said Dr. Lang, "is the destruction of this powerful evil force and the liberating of the nations which are now held in bondage under its sway."

Speaking of what would happen when peace came, he said it was unthinkable that men should not be setting themselves to conserve an order of civilisation better than that which was being destroyed before their eyes.

"We cannot dare not wait until the war is over," he declared. "It will help us in the immediate struggle if we can see beyond the distress and darkness some promise of the coming of a better day."

burst accounted for the first, which immediately went down towards the sea. The second took the full force of another burst, and crashed in flames.

PASSENGER TELLS OF C.N.A.C. 'PLANE BOMBING

GRAPHIC DETAILS which were impossible to include in the brief wireless messages that reached Shanghai concerning the bombing of a China National Aviation Corporation 'plane on May 20 near Suifu by Japanese bombers were revealed in a letter written by one of the passengers on the luckless aircraft to a Shanghai resident.

It may be recalled that three Americans were on the aircraft together with many other passengers but all managed to escape unscathed.

BOMBS FALL ON MARKET

(By A Dover Correspondent)

A busy market-place in the centre of the Dover area was selected as a target by prowling Nazi bombers. Market men and women and large numbers of shoppers in a nearby street had narrow escapes.

I was in a building a few feet away at the time of the attack. There was no sound of aircraft. Dense low cloud obscured the sun, and a blanket-like mist only a few hundred feet above ground hung over the streets. Then, like bolts from the blue, six high-explosive bombs crashed down.

Three of them fell in the centre of the town. I found myself at full length on the floor, with the wall of the building shivering violently as the succession of bombs crashed down.

I struggled to my feet and saw two palls of smoke leap up from the market-place across the road. Debris was flung in all directions.

Buried Under Debris

Running to the market-place I found a huge hole through the roof, and stalls of fish, vegetables and other foodstuffs hurled into confusion. Women were being dragged from the debris.

Another bomb fell near, but while A.R.P. workers gave "fireman's lifts" to two young girls who had been badly shaken and buried under the wreckage, the market men and women set an example which I shall long remember.

Even while cuts and bruises were being dressed they were busily engaged in reproducing order in their shattered market-place. Half an hour later stalls had been righted.

As I was coming away a man appeared at one stall run by a woman. "Why didn't you turn up at the time you promised?" asked the woman jokingly. "Now your eggs have been bombed."

WE MUST WIN ON LAND

Tank Chief's View

MAJOR-GEN. GIFFARD LE Q. MARTEL, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL ARMoured CORPS, SAID IN LONDON: "BOMBING ALONE WILL NEVER WIN THE WAR. BOMBING GERMANY CANNOT SUBJUGATE THE GERMANS ENTIRELY. HOWEVER HARD YOU BOMB THEM."

"The important clash in battles of the future must be between the armoured divisions. We have the advantage that we can mechanise the British Army to a greater extent than the Germans. We live on the land and we must beat them on the land."

"America will have to produce more and more tanks. I am very pleased with the type of tank that we are using now—but the experiments go on. What we want is the dual-purpose tank with great hitting power and speed."

The C.N.A.C. 'plane was flying from Chungking to Chengtu when it was caught in the middle of Japanese air operations. The pilot immediately grounded the 'plane but it did not escape the eye of the Japanese squadrons. According to the letter, no less than 212 bombs were rained down in the region of the 'plane.

'Plane Is Hit

One of these struck the right wing of the aircraft but fortunately all passengers had fled into the hills by that time. After a harrowing experience, the passengers were taken to their destination by a rescue 'plane from Hong Kong.

"We got away at 9.30 a.m. and were in the air only twelve minutes when Chungking had an alarm, and we learned through the radio that there were six batches of 'planes up and four of them headed our way. We then changed our course and went to Suifu and came down. We had then been up one and one-half hours."

Flight Into Hills

"We left the 'plane, got some noodles and sat down to wait. Messages came thick and fast. Japanese pursuits were up and about. Then we learned they were coming directly our way. We all left the field and the passengers and the crew fled to the hills."

"We did not have long to wait until 26 'planes came straight for us. We held our breath and waited the inevitable. Two hundred and twelve bombs were put down right beside us with a fury that beggars description. The concussion was terrific. It almost blew me off the ground."

Gasoline Catches Afire

"The 'plane was struck. One bomb going straight through the right wing and dozens of bombs all around the 'plane, almost outlining it on the ground. Why it did not catch on fire is a miracle. We had left our baggage inside as we had no time to get it out. Mud and rock was thrown far up the hillside, but no-one was injured or killed. However, two pigs, two goats and a few chickens were killed."

"Then we discovered that the gasoline drums near the 'plane were on fire and we thought of course the 'plane would go, but it did not. One wing had a direct hit, and it looked sorry. A house nearby was burned as was also the barracks of some soldiers."

"We found a hostel about one-half mile away who fed us; they had mosquito nets and there we spent the night. Even got a bath. We were a jolly crowd, bent but not broken. We were delighted that we had not lost our baggage. Early yesterday morning the 'plane that came up from Hong Kong came out to the stricken one and took us off, under alarm, but we made Chengtu O.K."

STRATOSPHERE ME.S ATTACK BALLOONS

Two Me 109Fs—Germany's latest stratosphere fighters—were driven off by anti-aircraft fire after shooting down one barrage balloon at Dover. One raider was seen to be smoking. Later it was announced that one raider was shot down by fighters.

There was a little activity over the coast and bombs dropped in a town on the east coast caused some damage and a small number of casualties.

SMALLER CHEQUES TO SAVE PAPER

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THINGS QUIET IN WEIHAIWEI

Summer vacationers who consider Weihaiwei the ideal resort to go to escape from the heat and grime of the city will find things peaceful in the northern port once they have landed, according to a letter received by a Shanghai resident from a holiday-maker there.

Visitors to Weihaiwei should have their cholera and smallpox vaccination certificates dated as nearly as possible to the time of departure, as new certificates are required every three months. Cameras and photographic equipment and accessories are taboo, being looked upon with disfavour by the authorities states the writer whose letter follows:—

"Conditions here are perfectly peaceful once you have landed, and, in fact, I had no trouble at all because I left all my baggage in the hands of the hotel servant and he did all the worrying with the Water Police of a certain nationality."

Perfunctory Search

"The excuse they make for tearing all the baggage to bits is that a well-known Shanghai gentleman accidently left two guns in his trunk—so now they pounce on everybody and search men, women and children. Actually they did not search me because I walked through saying "good-morning, good-morning, good-morning," to everyone concerned, which so shook them that they weakly replied "good-morning" and let it go at that. Mrs. N. says that the three ladies in her party were searched—but I think it must be a very perfunctory affair, because nobody else has complained."

"If anybody asks you about the position here it is safe to say that the feeling with the Japanese authorities is very good: a senior officer of the landing-party has called round at the hotels and foreign houses and explained personally that the authorities want to make things as easy as possible for summer visitors, but they must be careful not to bring any firearms, not to photograph soldiers or any military or naval objects, not to carry binoculars outside your own premises, and not to use an electric torch outside your own garden at night."

Officer Most Polite

"Actually the articles on which the water police pounce are cameras and any fitting that go with them, binoculars, and electric torches. If they seize these (they did not happen to seize mine) you have to go to Headquarters and claim them personally. This causes some trouble, and gives them the chance to read the Riot Act mentioned above before they return the things to you. I am told that the officer who called on the hotels etc., was most polite and can only repeat that once you are landed everything is just as peaceful as ever. I forgot that F.R.B. currency should be brought—you can pay your ship's bar account by cheque."



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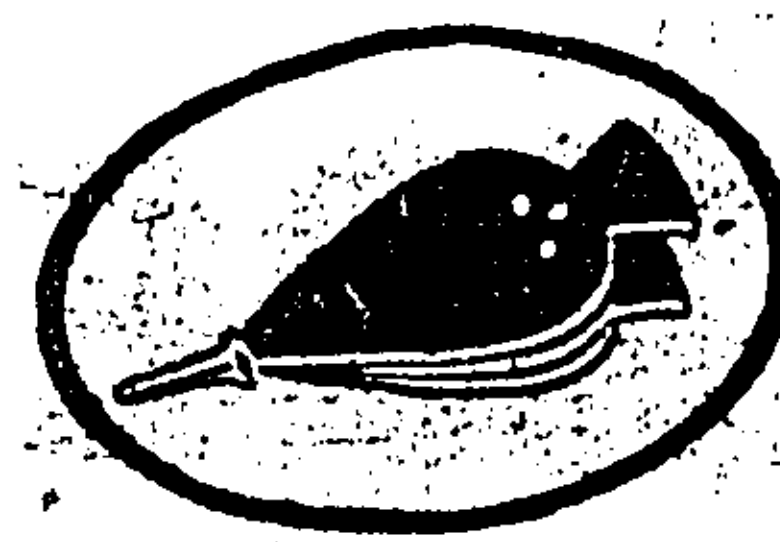
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BRIDGE NOTES

INSULTING YOUR PARTNER By The Four Aces

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West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 10 6 3
♥ 7 6 4
♦ J 8 3
♣ 6 5 2

WEST
♠ —
♥ K 5 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ K Q J 10

EAST
♠ Q J 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ K 9 8 7 4
♥ A Q 2
♦ A K Q
♣ 8 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
3♠ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

South lost two hearts, two clubs, and a trump, going down two tricks for a penalty of 500 points. And North practically foamed at the mouth because of the way South's bidding North didn't give a hoot about 500 points — he'd been set before and expected to be set again, but he stomach the way South disregarded the warningly weak bidding North had given him.

To begin with, North passed over three clubs. Then, when South doubled for a takeout, North had simply shown trump support by bidding three spades. North would have been obliged to make the same bid with four trumps to the Jack instead of four to the Ace. And if North had held just the merest trifle more strength, either in high cards or in distributional value, he would have bid four spades over the double instead of only three spades. Actually North held about as much as could be expected in view of his two passes and simple return to spades.

And since North held a maximum, there couldn't possibly be any point to South's bid of four spades. That contract could be made only if North had grossly underbid his hand. So South's game bid was practically a statement that he didn't trust North to bid his hand properly.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 5 3
♥ A Q 7 3 2
♦ A 4 2
♣ 6 5

The bidding:
Schenker You Moler Jacoby
1♠ (7)

ANSWER: Pass. This illustrates a hand good enough for an opening bid (although a rather weak one) but not good enough for an overcall. The hand can win only about four tricks, and is therefore not good enough for a bid which promises to win eight tricks.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for double, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 788

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenker You Moler Jacoby
1♠ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

TWO PLANS TO BEAT RAIDS

Two schemes to save food and merchandise from being destroyed in raids have been revealed.

A drive to beat the blitzes on Britain's ports and other vulnerable areas was announced when an order compelling owners of storage space to register was issued.

More than 14,000,000 square feet of additional storage space is now required by Government Departments for munitions, equipment, food, valuable raw materials and other essential goods.

"The Government is dispersing stocks as widely as possible," an official of the Control of Factory and Storage Premises, said.

"The new Order only covers those premises which have a floor area of 3,000 square feet or more and which have been used at any time during the last three years or so for storage."

A get-together scheme under which shopkeepers will help each other salvage goods from bombed stores and provide alternative premises for traders to carry on is the latest plan approved by the Ministry of Home Security.

They will form a pool of vans with men standing by to man them, ready to rush out during raids and save stock before it is destroyed by fire or water.

Worthing is the town responsible for the idea.

MISSING—HELD R.A.F. RECORD

One of the R.A.F.'s most successful war pilots, Squadron Leader M. T. St. J. Pattle, who had destroyed at least twenty-three enemy aircraft up till March, is missing.

Squadron Leader Pattle at that time had the highest number of "kills" officially credited to a pilot in this war.

A South African, 27, he was awarded the D.F.C. in February and a bar to it a month later. He was reported missing last August, but later was found to be safe.

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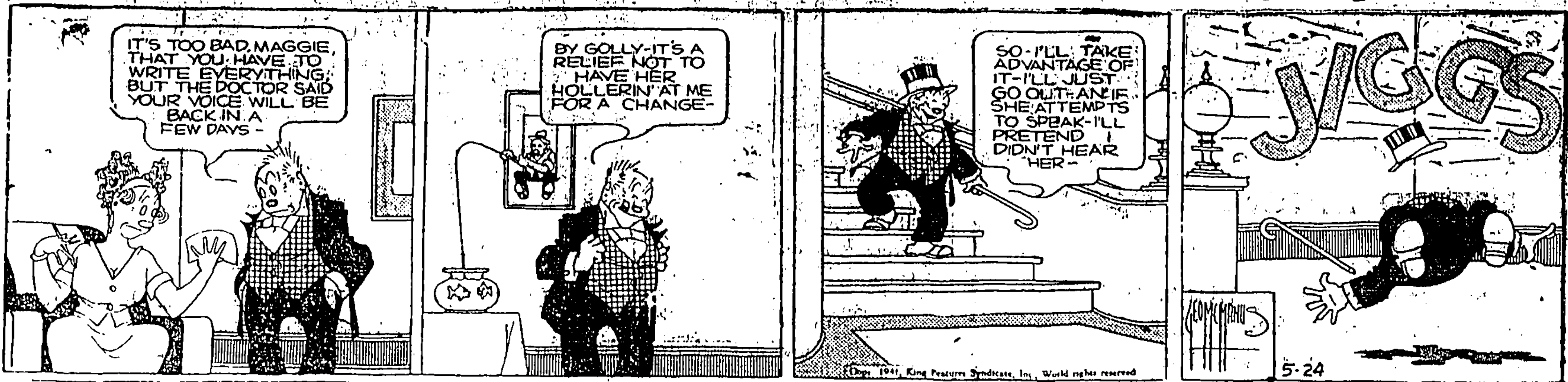
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Keep Hair Lustrous

You do not want to be numbered among the girls and women who discover, come September, that their hair has been neglected beyond reconditioning. That can happen if you do not take certain simple precautions during summer playtime.

Unless your hair is unusually oily it should never be exposed to hot, direct sun rays longer than fifteen minutes. And during that time the hair should be parted about every two minutes so all the scalp will benefit by the rays. The rest of the time keep your head covered with a hat, turban, kerchief or towel.

If you insist upon playing tennis, or any other game, without covering your head then you should anoint the scalp with a lubricating oil or salve, and brush a protective pomade or cream on the length of the hair. Thus your tresses will not be scorched or bleached.

The girl who swims every day has two things to remember—to wear a suction-tight bathing cap and to give her hair a hot oil treatment every two weeks. If through neglect her hair does get wet she should rinse it after her bath with fresh water. Otherwise her hair will lack lustre and her scalp will be unclean.

Added Precaution

As swimming is the major sport for summer let me again suggest taking the added precaution to keep hair dry by winding a band of chamois about the head before slipping on the suction-rimmed bathing cap. The chamois repels the water. Take time to put your cap on according to the directions which come with it—if you slip it on haphazardly you can expect water to creep under it.

Keep Pretty

I for one, lament the habit of younger girls going about with dull, stringy hair all summer. That is not chic, pretty or dainty! Summer is the time when your hair should look its loveliest—fresh and shiny and, casually dressed. Keep yours that way. Pin in a nice fresh flower or other gay ornament to point up your gown or play clothes. Be



The occasional luncheon date in town calls for a pretty halo. This beauty brushes a few stray hairs in place with her liquid clear plastic brush.

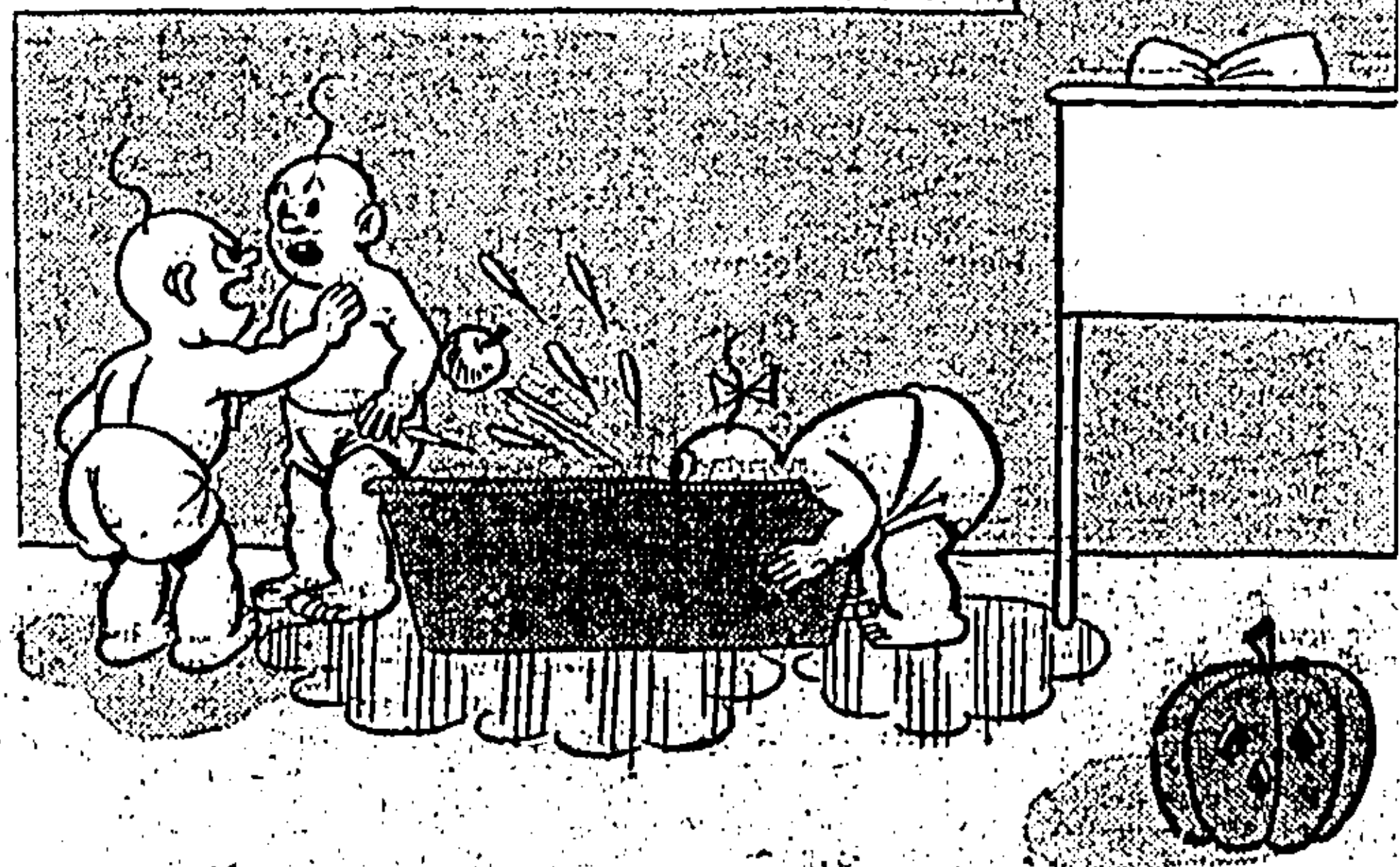
as pretty as you can. If you simply cannot bear to sit under a beauty parlour dryer for a setting, learn how to pin up your hair in small pin curls or even roll it in rags to give it body and softness. If it is clean, remember it will be ruly. If it is unclean it will mark you as a very indifferent beauty.

Fortunately this summer's hairdos are most casual—the trick is to get heavy hot hair up. Don't have it hanging about your neck. With the aid of a pair of combs, a few bobbies or barrets to match your hair, ingenious things can be done to make your hair a most attractive feature during summer!

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force and Stuart Robertson (Baritone).
Royal Air Force March Past (Walford Davies); We're On Our Way—March (Capt. Phunkett—arr. MacKenzie); The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force.
Flying High: Watching The Stars (both from film "Splinters in the Air"—Lerner, Goodhart & Hoffman).
Stuart Robertson with Oreb.
The Lad From London Town—Quick March (Sq. Ldr. R. O'Donnell); The Devil Ma' Carves—Quick March (Beechfield Carver); The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force.
Song Of The Buccaneer (Morimer & Leonard); A Bowl Of Punch (Morimer & Alan Murray); Stuart Robertson with H. Dawson (Piano).
Sussex By The Sea—March (Ward Higgs); The Band of H.M. Royal Air Force.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Concert Waltzes & Tangoes. Song, Laughter And Dance—Waltz (Aieherer, arr. Hohnke); Bad'ner Mad'ln—Waltz (Karl Komzak); Orchestra Mascotte.
Llorar Y Reir—Tango; Clásico—Tango (J. Llossas); Juan Llossas and his Orchestra.
You Will Never Know (Karl Berber); Amphitryon—Waltzes (Doelle-Borchert-Amberg); Orchestra Mascotte.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy. La Cathédrale Engloutie, Prelude No. 10—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano); Menuet—Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano; Feux D'Artifice—Marcel Clampi (Piano); Nuit D'Étoiles—Helene Ludolph (Sop.) with Piano & Organ; L'Isle Joyeuse—Walter Gieseking (Piano); La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin—Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano; Pagodes (Estampes No. 1)—Walter Gieseking (Piano).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—The London Piano Accordion Band and Elsie Carlisle (Vocal). Don't Dingle Dangle On The Old Garden Wall (Butler & others); The Vamp Of Havana (Gilbert & Sullivan); The London Piano Accordion Band.

Elsie Carlisle Medley—Intro: Gertie, the Girl with the Gong; Home, James, and Don't Spare the Horses; No, No, a Thousand Times No; Dirty Hands, Dirty Face; Little Chen with Big Ideas; Little Man, You've Had A Busy Day.... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.
Little Patchy Trousers (Noel & Pelosi); They Would Wind Him Up And He Would Whistle (Kaimar, Ruby); The London Piano-Accordion Band.
Grandma Said (Magidson—Wrubel); Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.
The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon & Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (S. & H. Byrne & Schuster); The London Piano-Accordion Band.

7.17 p.m.—Rawicz and Landauer (Two Pianos).
The Great Waltz—Selection: Roses In December (from film "Life of the Party"—Jessel); Rosalie (from film "Rosalie"—Cole Porter).
7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—'I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile At You; Fox-Trot—Half-Way Down The Street.... Oscar Rabin & his Band.
Quick-Step—Memories Of You; Waltz—Confidence Waltz.... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trot—Adios, Mariquita Linda.... Artie Shaw & his New Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Fools Rush In (Where Angels Fear To Tread); Slow Fox-Trot—Arm In Arm (Just You And Me).... Ambrose & his Orchestra.
Tango—Summer Evening In Santa Cruz; Slow Fox-Trot—The Moon Remembered But You Forget (from film "Let's Be Famous").... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Half an Hour with Johann Strauss.

Waldmister—Overture.... Grand Symphony Orchestra; Le Beau Danube Bleu.... Lily Pons (Sop.) with Orchestra; Tiltch, Tratsch, Polka.... Orchestra; Raymunde; Morgenblätter (Mornings' Papers) Vocal Waltz.... B.B.C. Wireless Chorus and Orchestra; The Gipsy Baron—Selection.... George Boulanger & his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—"Tonight We Pre-Announce". A Review of New Records.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News In French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Alfred and His Orchestra. Tell Me Again (Gronz); Russian Gipsy Sketch (A. Ferraris); Serenade In The Night (Kennedy & others); I Once Had A Heart, Margarita (Connor & others).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
Siesta (W. Walton); The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by William Walton.

10.20 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida"—Act 1. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Rhadames, a young warrior.... Arnold Lind (Tenor); Tamara, High Priestess.... Trancardi Pasero (Bass); Amneris, Pharaoh's daughter.... Maria Capuana (Mezzo-Soprano); Aida, Ethiopian slave....

Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano); Pharaoh.... Baccaloni (Bass); with Orchestra and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—War correspondents.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

R.A.F. MEN CALL FLYING FORTRESS FINEST BOMBER

(By CAREY LONGMIRE)

PILOTS WHO HAVE TESTED the Royal Air Force's new Boeing flying fortresses, the giant, long-distance bombers that form the United States's biggest contribution to Great Britain's air power thus far, said: "We think this the finest four-motored bomber there is."

Twenty flying fortresses of the Boeing B-17 type are in Britain after flying the Atlantic in about seven hours each. The British Ministry of Aircraft Production put in that particular order months ago. It hopes for (one word censored) more fortresses "just as soon as they can be put together," in the words of a ministry representative.

BATTLE FLAGS CEREMONY

SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES RECENTLY WERE PRESENTED WITH BATTLE FLAGS BY ADML. MUBELIER, HEAD OF THE FREE FRENCH NAVAL AND AIR FORCES, ON BEHALF OF GEN. DE GAULLE.

Headed by the band of the Irish Guards, they carried them in a ceremonial march from Wellington barracks, where the presentation was made, to Westminster Cathedral to dedicate them to the deliverance of France at a solemn High Mass in honour of the saint. The flags were taken to the communion rails, where a naval guard with fixed bayonets was posted over them. There they were joined by the flags of a group of veteran French ex-Service men of the 1914-18 war.

These included a flag believed to be the only one brought to England from Paris last June. It was the flag of the English volunteers with the French Army of the last war, borne by Mr. Lionel Hart, of the Paris branch of the British Legion, who carried it with him in his escape.

Cardinal Hinsley presided at the mass, which was celebrated by Abbe Godart, the senior chaplain to the Free French Forces. There was a pause in the service for a brief address in French by the Bishop of Lamus, Dr. Edward Myers, who called on the Free French to emulate St. Joan by throwing the invader out of France.

GRECIAN URN ARMY BADGE

THE GRECIAN URN IS THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE INSIGNIA OF THE BRITISH ARMY. THIS CLASSICAL VESSEL HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE CAP BADGE OF THE NEWLY FORMED ARMY CATERING CORPS.

The urn is surmounted by the crown and in a border made of the Garter appears the name of the unit. The buttons are to carry the Royal Arms.

Not all the cooks now employed in the Army will be admitted immediately to the corps, since its members are to be specialists. Officers of the corps will be experts in cooking, and, as far as possible, will be drawn from civilian catering establishments.

The Army School of Cookery at Aldershot is the parent unit of the corps. A pool of cooks, which will be replenished from recruits and from qualified cooks who are surplus in regimental units, will meet all demands for kitchen personnel.

Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano); Pharaoh.... Baccaloni (Bass); with Orchestra and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—War correspondents.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

The new ones to be added to Britain's home fleet of four-motored heavy bombers. Stirlings and Halifaxes, will be of a considerably later flying fortress type, the B-172. A second American bomber, the Consolidated Liberator, is already (three words censored).

"Bombsight A Marvel"

Whether any flying fortresses have yet been in action is a well kept secret. Pilots who talked to this correspondent and other newspaper men on a visit to this assembly station made it plain that tests showed the Boeing a highly efficient bomber.

"That Sperry-bombsight is a marvel," said one pilot. "We think it is more accurate than anything else we've ever seen." Equipped by the British for a seven-man crew, whereas nine men are sometimes carried by the fortresses in the United States, the plane has a range of 2,450 miles at a cruising speed of 220 miles an hour. From bases in England it could fly to virtually any sector of the Nazi-held Continent, even as far as Bucharest or Sofia, drop its bombs and return. Depending on the distance to be covered, it can carry up to eight tons of bombs—enough to raze an entire munitions factory. Pilots also were enthusiastic over its being "highly manoeuvrable."

What makes the R.A.F. appreciate the flying fortress so greatly, however, is an exclusively American device called the turbo supercharger. This enables it to fly 305 miles an hour at 25,000-foot levels, considerably faster than any other long-range bomber at that height. The plane also turns in an exceptional performance as high as 38,000 feet.

Height Adds To Safety

Since few fighter planes operate at speeds greater than the Boeing in the sub-stratosphere the R.A.F. is confident that Nazi fighters will have little success in overtaking flying fortresses and shooting them down. (Sentence censored.) Experts agree the air war will be won by the force which can get its planes to the highest altitude to fight, some holding that the most deadly air combats will soon take place at between 30,000 and 40,000 feet.

The flying fortresses reached Britain completely equipped with seven guns "and with bullets in them," the Air Ministry representative said. Pilots, particularly liked the de-icers, which, in winter operations, will be invaluable.

At the same big air station scores of other American planes of four-motored types were being made ready for action by several hundred workers, many women. The other American aircraft were the Glenn Martin Maryland, the Douglas DB-7, the Vought-Sikorsky Chesapeake dive-bomber, and the Consolidated Liberator. One big workshop has just gone into operation for the handling of American-built Allison liquid-cooled motors, such as those used in the American Curtiss Tomahawk fighters now being received here and in the Middle East in quantity. Maj. Carl Brandt, chief Boeing test pilot, reached Britain with the first flying fortresses to explain their operation.

The action of three American firms, Boeing, Douglas and Ford, in collaborating on flying fortress production on a mass production scale and setting up new plants in the Southwest for the job was "the finest gesture for Britain in history," a Ministry of Aircraft Production spokesman asserted.

FIFTEEN CLUBS ARE EXPELLED

A NUMBER OF SOUTHERN FOOTBALL CLUBS, INCLUDING 11 IN LONDON, HAVING DECIDED TO PLAY THEIR OWN LEAGUE AND CUP EVENTS THIS SEASON, HAVE BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The controversy goes back several weeks when Londoners objected to fixtures laid down by the League on the grounds of excessive travelling. They suggested their own league, which other southern clubs joined. The Football League thereupon threatened expulsion if the southerners did not fulfil the original fixtures.

The Londoners held a meeting and stood by their decision, whereupon the expulsion, which affects such famous teams as Arsenal, Chelsea, Brentford and Tottenham, came into force following a further League meeting on August 5.

It was then decided that in the unanimous opinion of the Football League management committee, all 15 southern clubs who refused to fulfil the fixtures made for them had, by their action, ceased to be members of the Football League and the committee resolved that the shares in the League held by the eight full members were now cancelled.

The four clubs who joined the Londoners in revolt are Aldershot, Brighton, Reading and Watford. Reuter.

CYCLONES WIN BY ODD GOAL

In the Hockey (on roller skates) League for the "Chi Yin Yat Pao" Cup, Cyclones beat King's by the odd goal in three yesterday.

J. Kitchell and A. R. Kitchell scored for Cyclones and Chang Kow-ming for the losers.

Cyclones:—M. H. Hassan; R. Rocha, A. H. Bakar; W. Mohammed, A. K. Markar and A. R. Kitchell.

Umpires:—Omar Rahman, J. Kitchell, I. Kitchell, R. A. Bux. King's:—Chin Hak, Ng Ping, Lo Tak; Henderson, Chang Kow-wing and D. D. Nien.

Umpires:—Lau Hin-wan and Fong Chi-wai.

The game between Panthers and Buccaneers was postponed as the latter were not able to raise a team.

CEILING EDGE CLAIMED

Britain's improved fighting planes, which now can fight at seven and a half miles altitude, should give the Royal Air Force a marked advantage over the most recent German fighter craft, according to Oliver Stewart.

The new British craft, reported to have a ceiling of 40,000 feet while loaded with full military equipment, can rise almost a mile higher than present types and will have an advantage of more than 2,000 feet over the new German Messerschmitt 109-F.

"That is not a very big advantage," Mr. Stewart said, "but height is so important in air fighting that it should be enough. No de ails have yet been given about the high-flying British fighters, but it seems that they are not new types but a modification of the existing fighters."

Mr. Stewart also discussed bombing plane manufacture, answering queries as to why it might be more economical to manufacture many small bombers rather than few large ones.

PREMISES BOMBED 92 TIMES

OF THE 119 DEPORTS OF SLAVERS & BODEGA LTD., THE LONDON CATERING COMPANY, 92 HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY ENEMY ACTION. SOME HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

This was revealed at Guildhall when the company sought the protection of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act against an application by the City Corporation for a distress warrant for £3,817 rates.

It was stated that, in addition to direct damage, the company had suffered considerable loss of trade due to war conditions. For the time being they were unable to pay all creditors, but expected a revival of trade.

Alderman Sir Frank Pellizzer said he felt the firm were in a position to meet the demand, and adjourned the matter to enable them to pay the sum owing. He added that if they failed to do so he would have no alternative but to issue a distress warrant.

"SILVER THING IN THE BATH"

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SHEILA JAMES, WHO LIVES IN A SOUTH COAST TOWN WHERE A GERMAN RAIDER DROPPED INCENDIARY BOMBS, CAME RUNNING OUT OF THE BATHROOM CALLING, "MUMMY, THERE IS A SILVER THING IN THE BATH."

Mrs. James found it was an incendiary bomb, which had hit the only skylight in the house, fallen through the only open trapdoor in the ceiling and into the bath.

Mr. James, who had just returned home after working all night, put the fire-bomb in a bucket and took it to the police-station.

INDIAN WRESTLING

Rajput Regiment had arranged to stage their Regimental Indian Wrestling competitions last Monday, but the rain, resultant upon the typhoon threat, washed the whole programme out, and those in charge are now trying to fix a date for the competitions some time during the next fortnight.

From observations, it would appear that some of the Regiment's men stand an excellent chance of bringing off honours in their respective weights at the forthcoming Hong Kong and Indian Wrestling competitions which will be staged in the early Autumn.

"The point is not what each machine costs in man-hours to work," he said, "but the man-hours that go into the whole task of conveying a given weight of bombs to a given point and discharging it there and returning."

"When you look at it in that way, you find that the very big bombers are not so expensive in the first place. It may carry a load of bombs equal to that of three smaller machines. They will also use fewer trained men."

MOBILE FORCE TESTED

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Mock Invasion

Hundreds of our newest, heaviest tanks have just rumbled south over Salisbury Plain to trap a Panzer division and stop one of the most dangerous "invasion" attempts yet staged.

Imagine that part of our coast defences have been pushed well back by German infantry divisions. Imagine that a Panzer division with its fast tanks and armoured cars is racing inland, bent on cutting off a good fat slice of England to make the landing of more German divisions safe.

That was the situation which faced Lt.-Gen. the Hon. H. R. L. G. Alexander, commander of the rearguard at Dunkirk, and now G.O.C. Southern Command, when the "invasion" trial was only a few hours old.

Call On Reserves

So serious was the breakthrough that it was decided to call up the reserves, an armoured division equipped with heavy tanks as well as an infantry division.

At noon the reserve infantry division set off on their race to the battle-ground.

At dawn next morning their reconnaissance battalion had found the enemy and were patrolling the no man's land of Wiltshire roads and lanes in light armoured cars and in nippy little wireless-carrying "dingo" scout cars, which can whip into the enemy's lurking places and out again without turning, doing 50 m.p.h.

Better still, the reserve division's emergency headquarters, a half-derelict country house commandeered overnight, was in full working order.

By the morning of the fourth day you could find, if you hunted the Wiltshire lanes, fragments of the Panzer division, trapped by our tanks. The "invasion" was over.

NAZI TRANSPORT SUNK

The midday Russian communiqué yesterday stated: "During the night of 5/6 August our troops continued to wage battle with the enemy in the Kholm-Smolensk, and Byelaya-Tserkov directions, and on the Estonian sector of the front."

"In other directions and sectors of the front there were no large scale military operations."

"In the Baltic Sea an enemy transport with troops and ammunition was sunk by our submarines."

"Our air force continued to inflict blows upon motor and mechanised units, infantry and artillery of the enemy and on the air force at his aerodromes." —British Wireless.

YOUNG FLIERS WIN "WINGS"

R.A.F. Pilots From
World Over

Forty youths stood to attention on the tarmac at the great moment of their lives. They had just won their wings, and were about to be presented with the R.A.F. flying badge by the Station Commander.

They had come from many parts of the earth to join the swelling ranks of those to whom Britain owes so much.

Australia, Bermuda, Canada, Eire, the Argentine, South Africa, Rhodesia, Belgium, China, and Portuguese East Africa were represented, besides Britain.

I chatted with many of the young fliers who had travelled thousands of miles and worked ceaselessly for that moment.

Pilot From Argentine

One, aged 25, came from Villagras, in the Argentine. He was at Harrow School, and returned to South America to manage his father's 20,000-acre farm.

"Out there, one gets the idea that things are much worse than they really are. I felt pretty rotten about it, especially after Dunkirk, so I decided to join the R.A.F.," he said, adding with zest, "and I've had the finest time of my life in the past few months."

Another pupil, who had a Chinese father, was one of three to whom I spoke who, before the war, had been accountants.

Each pupil had a decided preference for a particular type of machine. A 20-year-old Welshman who had been a railway clerk at Chester expressed a wish for twin-engined fighters.

A 23-year-old accountant from Northern Ireland wanted to be a fighter pilot, because, he said, he would rather have nobody dependent upon him. Two others to whom I spoke wished to be night fighter pilots.

The oldest pupil in this course, a married man of 31, with one child, came last year from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa. A Belgian, already a pilot officer, had been assistant professor of aerodynamics and aircraft construction in Brussels University.

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PAIRS & RINKS LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONS STILL UNDEFEATED

FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WHEN THREE MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN WINS FOR THE RINKS CHAMPIONS, UNDER C. S. ROSSELET, AND FOR H. A. ALVES AND F. V. V. RIBEIRO, PAIRS CHAMPIONS FOR THE LAST TWO SEASONS.

INTRA-CLUB BOWLS COMPETITIONS

Following are the latest intra-club lawn bowls competition results:

Craigengower C.C.

Senior Club Singles
First Round:—W. Ward beat M. J. Medina; C. W. Lam beat S. Leonard, 21-15.
Junior Club Singles
First Round:—C. W. Lam beat J. K. Pavri; Second Round:—G. S. Ladd beat S. Leonard; W. E. Broadbridge beat L. Sui-wing.

Hong Kong F.C.

Club Singles
First Round:—A. W. Hircok beat J. Hempsey.
Pairs
First Round:—A. B. Coleman and J. A. R. Selby beat F. P. Anslow and H. G. Wallington; K. Forrow and K. S. Robertson beat J. Hempsey and R. P. Shaw.

Kowloon C.C.

Club Championship
Third Round:—N. A. E. Mackay beat L. Jack; E. C. Fincher beat S. A. Gray; W. W. Parsons beat A. Madar; R. S. Meadows beat T. A. Broadbridge; T. A. Madar beat A. W. Ramsey.
Handicap Singles
Second Round:—A. W. Ramsey (scr.) beat L. Jack (scr.); W. M. Gittins (4) received a walk-over from H. Broken-shire (8); N. A. E. Mackay (2) beat J. W. Burman (8).
Handicap Doubles
Second Round:—R. S. Capell and N. D. Lloyd beat A. Bone and B. G. Baker; Third Round:—R. Leigh and W. Meadows beat D. Hung and H. Overy.

ANSARI HOPES TO GET IN MORE CRICKET

Lieut. M. A. Ansari, 5/7 Rajput Regiment, who kept wicket for Army "B" in a few League cricket matches last year, has decided that, duties permitting, he will play much more cricket this year than he had done for a long time. Prior to joining Royal Military Academy in India, Lieut. Ansari played a great deal of cricket for Osmania University, Hyderabad, and it was while there, in 1934-35, that he received coaching from "Bill" Hitch, former England and Surrey cricketer.

Ansari's trouble for the last six years had been the fact that he could get little or no "nets" during all that time, but he is hopeful of overcoming that obstacle this winter.

His other game is hockey, but here, too, the exigencies of the Service left him with very little time for practice.

Two matches in the basketball league were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. South China beat Ping Ching 30-31 and National University beat Yu Leang 30-31.

The British Wightman Cup girls Valerie Scott and Nina Brown lost the opening round of the Women's Invitation Tennis Tournament at Easthampton on July 29. Shirley Fattori of California defeated Miss Scott 6-0, 6-2, while Hope Knowles of Philadelphia won 6-1, 6-2 against Miss Brown. Reuter.

Six "Big Ten" players, two from the south, two from the east, and one from the far west, led Tuesday college all-star football team, which on the final day of balloting for the College All-Star football team which will play the professional champion Chicago Bears, in a charity game in Chicago on August 23. Half-back Tommy Harmon of Michigan, topped the field with 99.14 votes and Augie Lio, Georgetown guard, was second with 95.202.

G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle narrowly defeated H. Gittins and W. J. Howard by two shots in the second round of the Open Pairs competition.

The game between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro and J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez was a Third Round match, which should have been played to-day, but the game was brought forward as the competitors will be engaged on Volunteer duties this afternoon.

At Club de Recreio, G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle beat H. Gittins and W. J. Howard in Second Round of the Open Pairs championship by 17-15.

At the sixth Gittins and Howard were leading 5-2 but the Bowling Green Club pair had 2 2 1 2 to lead 9-5 at the 10th. Gittins and Howard then scored four singles at the next five heads to be led by only 10-9. Thompson and Searle with 3 2 0 2 then took the lead to 17-10 at the 19th. A four at the 20th gave the Kowloon Tong pair a chance but they could only get a single at the last head to lose by two shots after scoring at 11 ends.

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Champions Win

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, Open Pairs champions for the past two seasons, advanced another stage in the competition when, at Club de Recreio, they beat their club mates J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez by 27-20 in the Third Round.

Two fours at the 6th and 7th ends followed by a two gave the champions at 13-2 lead at the 8th. With the aid of a six at the 15th, Alves and Ribeiro led 21-9. At the 20th they led 27-14 but Remedios and Gutierrez scored a six at the last to lose by seven shots. Alves and Ribeiro scored at 11 ends.

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Champion Rink Win

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, C. S. Rosselet's champion rink (R. Basa, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rink championship when they beat the Strange brothers by 22-15.

Starting with a burst of 1141110 15 the champions led 14-3 at the 5th. By the 11th the losers had reduced the lead to 14-7 and at the 20th were only 19-15 in arrears but they failed to score at the last two ends to lose by seven shots. Rosselet scored at 13 ends.

R. Basa E. L. Strange
A. E. Coates S. H. Strange
J. S. Landolt C. Strange
C.S. Rosselet (s) 22 H.E. Strange (s) 15

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following are the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship Third Round games to be played to-day, though it is likely that some games will be postponed, owing to Volunteer duties:

At Kowloon C.C.
C. M. da Silva and F. X. Soares v. H. R. Pinna and B. Basto.

At Club de Recreio
T. A. Madar and A. E. R. Guest v. A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson.

At Police R.C.
D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt v. W. McNeill and P. A. Peckham.

At Kowloon B.G.C.
A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. McCutcheon and G. Goward.

At Kowloon F.C.
J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison v. C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios.

At Kowloon F.C.
E. G. Post and W. Cameron v. C. R. Pereira and F. X. M. da Silva.

At Kowloon F.C.
A. M. Holland and K. C. Hamilton v. A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Second Round).

A. G. Gardner, H.K. Electric skip, who played for Electric in Third Division of the Football League in the 1930-40 season as centre-forward, has signed forms for Hong Kong Football Club this season. Gardner is a useful outside-right and may secure a place in Club's senior eleven.



The umpire calls Moore, U.S.S. Mindanao, safe with Chung Hwa hindersnatcher B.H. Chang looking back to see if any useful purpose would be served by relaying the ball to second. Mindanao won Saturday's tilt by a 14 to 1 tally.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CADDY REPORT SYSTEM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Kowloon Golf Club's annual general meeting has been fixed for August 27, and it is expected that the chairman will have a very satisfactory report to place before members.

CLUB RUGBY OFFICIALS NOMINATED

At a meeting of Rugby Section of Hong Kong Football Club last night the following were nominated for election at to-morrow's annual general meeting:

Captain:—A. M. Kennedy.
Vice-captain:—J. C. Charter.
Committee:—A. M. Kennedy, J. C. Charter, J. Redman (hon. secretary) and J. A. R. Selby.
Selection Committee:—A. M. Kennedy, J. C. Charter, J. Redman, J. A. R. Selby and C. F. Needham.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

C.C.C. v. K.I.T.C.
P.O.R.C. (1) v. S.C.A.A.
J.R.C. v. F.C.
C.B.A. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
I.R.C. v. C.R.C.

J.R.C.:—B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.
Filipino Club:—K. K. Ip and B. Poon; T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. Souza.

C.C.C.:—K. M. Au and J. Wong; Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; N. Leonard and T. C. Yu.

I.R.C.:—U. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Saffad; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. I. Razack.

S.C.A.A.:—Y. K. Ng and K. T. Chan; K. C. Slet and C. M. Tsang; P. Y. Kwok and S. L. Chung.

K.I.T.C.:—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and S. Ramchand.

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Royal Scots scored another victory in "B" Division of Army Tennis League, when they beat Royal Engineers by three points to nil at Sooktingpo yesterday. Following were scores:—Alsey and Glasgow (R.S.) beat Kehoe and Hawkins, 6-2, 6-3.
Downing and Ross (R.S.) beat Spencer and Topp, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Oaton and Gilroy (R.S.) beat Birrell and Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

Standings To Date

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	21	20	4	20
R.A.O.C.	21	16	5	16
12th Battery	12	12	0	12
24th Battery	24	12	12	12
38th Battery	16	10	6	10
5th A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	15	7	8	7
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
R.A.S.C. "A"	12	4	8	4
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	4	5	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	3	6	3
95th Battery	19	3	16	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB ARE MAKING A FEW CHANGES IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION TEAM FOR THEIR MATCH AGAINST KOWLOON TONG ON THE LATTER'S GREEN ON SATURDAY.

Gill will have Bickford and Gratton as his first two men in place of A. B. Coleman and J. D. Thomson, the latter going No. 3 to Macfarlane in place of Needham. Robertson's four remain unchanged.

Only one of their Third Division rinks remains the same as last week for their match against Police this Saturday. In Mansell's four, Pearce, No. 1 last week, will be No. 2 this time, and Coleman, lead to Gill in Second Division last Saturday, is coming into the rink as lead.

Anslow replaces Forrow as lead to Graver, as the latter moves to No. 3 position in the same rink. Ralston's four is not changed.

Electric Reshuffle

Hong Kong Electric R.C. are making a number of changes for their match this Saturday against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, not one of the rinks that played last week remaining intact, while one of the skips playing then will play in one of the No. 3 positions, with the other not playing this time.

Lunny, who skipped Baker, Crawford and Owens last week, will have a rink comprising Stoker, Gahagan and Butler this time. The last named had a rink (Stonehouse, Roscoe and Barron) of his own last week. His place as skip will be taken by Paul, who will have Owens, Groome and Macfarlane as his front men.

Gardner, who led a rink comprising Gregory, Groome and Macfarlane last week, does not figure in the team this Saturday, and the third rink will be Barron, Gregory, Deacon and Sloan.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB
Second Division (v Kowloon Tong, away):—B. I. Bickford, A. G. Gratton, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, J. D. Thomson and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. F. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. MacAlpine.

Third Division (v Police R.C., home):—A. B. Coleman, T. H. Pearce, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); F. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, K. W. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

ELECTRIC R.C.
Third Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., away):—R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, W. E. Macfarlane, A. F. Paul (skip); J. F. Barron, R. F. Gregory, S. Deacon, J. K. Sloan (skip); W. Stoker, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler, J. F. Lunny (skip).

Sgt. M. Minihan, R.A.S.C. first class Army football referee, who did not officiate last season, is now in the Straits Settlements and will be refereeing again.

Freddie Cochrane won the world's welterweight championship from Fritz Zivic on a points decision on July 29 at Newark, N.J. Although the fifteen-round bout was extremely close, the referee awarded the decision to Cochrane, resulting in tumultuous applause from the 10,000 spectators.

FOOTBALL REFEREES' CLASSES

A combined meeting of the committees of Army Football Referees' Association and Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will be held this evening at 7 p.m. at Hotel Cecil.

Arrangements for a combined referees' class and the drawing up of a series of lectures are on the agenda.

Following will attend:—Messrs. H. Beard, D. Kossick and J. F. Silva (H.K. Referees' Association) and Lieut. L. G. Crossby, S/Sgt. W. H. Foster and R.S.M. E. C. Ford (Army).

NEW CRICKET TALENT

By "Incog"

BUT FOR THE FACT THAT THEIR IRREGULAR HOURS OF DUTIES WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO TURN OUT WITH ANY SORT OF REGULARITY FOR SPORT, ROBERT BURN AND LIAL COLBERT, TWO NEW MEMBERS OF ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE, SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE NAMES FOR THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG CRICKET.

Both are from Sydney, Australia, and both have had considerable experience in club cricket in their respective homes. Burn was one of the leading batsmen of the Belmore Technical School team, and though he does not lay claims to any three-figure scores, he has done consistently well with the bat.

Burn says he will try and get a few games here, but doubts very much whether he will be able to play every week owing to the nature of his duties.

Colbert, it is reported, is a very useful bowler—of the spin variety.

SATURDAY'S AQUATIC TEAMS

Everything is now complete for the Grand charity swimming gala on Saturday between Combined Chinese Club and Combined Victoria Recreation Club and Y.M.C.A.

A glance at the list of participants will show that some excellent sport is assured as the cream of the Colony's aquatic stars will be on view.

Following are the events and teams:—

Ladies' 150 Yards Medley Relay:
Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying (back-stroke), Miss Li Po-luen (breast-stroke), Miss Ho Wai-king (free-style).
V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Celeste Guterres (back-stroke), Vivienne Churn (breast-stroke), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (free-style).

Men's 100 Yards free-style:
Chinese Clubs:—Wong Su-lun and Tsui Hang.
V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—David Hutchinson and Lionel Roza-Pereira.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Handicap (V.R.C. Members only):
Boys' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only):
Ladies' 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king, Miss Ko Mui-ling, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan and Miss Lo Tak-ching.
Reserves:—Miss Chang Oi-lin and Miss Sum Put.
V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes, Miss Myra Noronha and Miss Ellen Grant.

Reserves:—Miss Yvonne Yolle and Miss Jeannette Yolle.
Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:
Chinese Clubs:—Pun Wing-kai (back-stroke), Ng Nin (breast-stroke), Tsui Hang (free-style).
Reserves:—Lau Iu-ting, Wong Sau-san, Fung Wai-cheung and Wong Chi-hung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—A. K. Rumjahn (back-stroke), David Hutchinson (breast-stroke), Noel Hammond (free-style).

Reserves:—W. Lawrence, Luiz M. Remedios, L. Roza-Pereira and T. Lopes.

Comedy Act:
Men's 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only):
Men's 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung, Wong Su-lun, Ng Chun-man and Shek Kam-pui.

Reserves:—Wong Sau-san, Tsang Cheong-ming and Lo Yuk-wing.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—D. Hutchinson, W. Lawrence, N. Hammond, G. Saunders, E. F. Paul and B. S. Wilson.

Reserves:—A. K. Rumjahn, L. A. Benn and L. Roza-Pereira.

Diving Exhibition:
Chinese Clubs:—Wong King-woon, Koo Ka-kul and Lam Ka-lung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—L. Roza-Pereira, Ed da Roza and G. Saunders.

400 Yards free-style Mixed Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king and Miss Ko Mui-ling; Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung and Wong Su-lun.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres and Miss Irene Lopes; David Hutchinson, N. Hammond, W. Lawrence and G. Saunders.

Water Polo:
Chinese team:—Woo Cho-kin, Po King-fook, Kwok Fung-sun, Pun Ping-man, Lee Kay-veung, Harold Winglee, Chan Lui-pik, Chan Lut-ki, Chui Chuk-yan, Chan Sik-pui and Leung Chun-wah.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—M. M. de V. Soares, L. A. Benn, J. Smith, T. Jennings, A. Hussain, W. B. Ure, A. Hunt, W. Lawrence, E. F. Paul, P. B. Wilson and N. Hammond.

THIRD C.B.C. AQUATIC GALA

Chinese Bathing Club will hold their third swimming gala of the season at North Point on Saturday, August 10, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is as follows:—

Ladies' 150 Metres Medley Relay (Open to the Colony).
Men's 100 Metres free-style.

Junior 50 Metres free-style Handicap.
Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke.

Men's 100 Metres free-style Handicap.
Diving.
Children's 100 Metres breast-stroke.

Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Handicap.
Pillow Fight.

TO-DAY'S GALA

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, will hold their annual Swimming gala in the Victoria Recreation Club pool this afternoon from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m., at the conclusion of which Mrs. F. B. Minhnick will present the prizes.

The swimming gala between the Ching Wing Swimming Union, a section of Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Chinese Bathing Club, which was arranged for yesterday at Bridges Street, was postponed as C.B.C. found some difficulty in raising a team.

FOOTBALL PREPARATIONS WELL IN HAND

Things are stirring in the local football world.

The new council of Football Association have had their first meeting.

The various committees have held meetings to discuss such preliminary work as is necessary to ensure that the new season will start auspiciously.

The fixtures list has been drawn up and will be submitted at the next council meeting.

Junior Civilian clubs are holding a meeting to-morrow, when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of the Referees' Association, will give a talk on "Behaviour on the football field".

Clubs are now busy looking over talent they have for the coming season.

The average footballer, however, has given little thought to the sport, the majority holding that it is too warm to think about soccer yet.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, who hold no meetings during the close season, keep in touch with their members by a series of monthly circulars, in which the outstanding news in the soccer world at home and here are mentioned.

This month's circular, edited by S/Sgt. Foster, Army First Division Referee, and a member of the Council of Army Referees' Association, contains a great deal of interesting information to local referees.

Among items in the circular are reminders to referees about personal kit and registration, making special mention of Service referees, who have to affiliate to their respective associations before their applications can be accepted by Hong Kong Football Association.

An earnest exhortation is made to all referees and linesmen to get into physical condition before the soccer season commences, and it is pointed out that it is the duty of all officials to be as fit as the best soccer player at all times, but more particularly at the commencement of the season.

Mr. Foster touches on a very important point in his circular about the fulfilment of appointments. He maintains it is the duty of every referee or linesman who finds that he is unable at the last moment to officiate at a game he

has accepted to inform the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Football Association, as soon as possible and, if he cannot be contacted, another referee should be communicated with and asked to take charge of the game. This, Mr. Foster stresses, is more preferable to letting the teams depend on someone in the crowd to officiate.

This is what Mr. Foster has to say on the very much debated point among referees "Should a referee, while officiating at a game, have the whistle in his mouth or in his hand?"

"I have been asked by military members, as the Military representative of Referees' Association, to pass my own opinion on this point. No doubt they think me or know that I am one of the many 'Whistle in the mouth persons'. Well I am and as my opinion has been asked for I can but give it.

"Now I don't want to alter anybody's opinion or offer any advice, but as so much has been said about this subject and against it I have just one or two remarks to make. As an Army referee, trained in the Army, naturally I should adopt their method. I know it is not taught everywhere in the Army, but at the headquarters of all Army referees during my time it was. It was termed then as 'with the linesman', providing both were up with the play and saw the incident. It was far better

to hear and see both officials signal together. It wasn't a case of one being behind, thereby causing the usual means of not sure until the linesman saw it. From my experience as a player in good football there is nothing more annoying than to hear a referee's whistle go when there does not appear to be anything wrong and then to see him call for the ball and give a decision for something that has passed some distance away. It also disturbs the play and the players. Now football is a fast game and its speed increases, it doesn't take long for a ball to travel distance.

"The only thing I have heard against it is, by keeping the whistle in the mouth, one is apt to give a hasty decision whereby by thinking one would not. The distance travelled by the hand to mouth, takes time. Will the play wait for that? My answer is No!

"Individuals can, I know, carry the whistle in the mouth all afternoon and still not blow it, and does it mean that because one does adopt that method he is liable to blow? My advice is if you cannot hold a whistle in the mouth without blowing it hastily, don't do it.

"This is just a matter of opinion and no more. I do it myself and shall continue to do so unless a law is adopted to prevent it."

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JAPANESE PULLING OUT?

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE JAPANESE TROOPS IN CENTRAL CHINA ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR LARGE-SCALE WITHDRAWALS, SAYS A SHANGHAI DISPATCH TO THE "TA KUNG PAO."

Recently the Japanese ordered the suspension of construction on military roads and military establishments in central China.

The Japanese have also ordered the puppet government to tighten the so-called "pacification campaign" in an attempt to "mop up" the Chinese guerillas. Their scheme is to have puppet troops garrison places which they will evacuate.—Central News.

CHUNGKING VIEWS

Observers in Chungking believe that a Pacific war is inevitable in view of the steady deterioration of the Far Eastern situation following the freezing of Japanese assets.

They suggest there is a high possibility of a Japanese southward push in September and a Japanese northward push next Spring.

They point out that the present Konoye Cabinet describes itself as a War Cabinet and holds all important conferences in the Imperial Palace.—Central News.

'Planes Battle Through Gale To Blitz

DETAILS OF THE R.A.F. attacks on Germany on Tuesday night were given in the following Air Ministry communique yesterday:—

In a gale of wind on Tuesday night a large force of aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked objectives at Mannheim, Frankfurt and Karlsruhe with conspicuous success.

On the outward and return journeys very bad weather was encountered but over the targets it was very clear and a great weight of the heaviest bombs was dropped inflicting severe and widespread damage.

Factories and railways at Aachen and docks at Ostend were among targets bombed during the night.

A Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol on Tuesday night bombed a large supply ship in the enemy-occupied port of Nantes.

Two direct hits on the ship were observed.

FROM THESE OPERATIONS NINE AIRCRAFT OF THE BOMBER COMMAND ARE MISSING.—REUTER.

In Nantes Harbour

Referring the bombing of the supply ship mentioned in the communique an Air Ministry bulletin states the ship was 400 feet long and alongside the quays of Nantes harbour.

Before any guns could open up the Beaufort pilot dived to a few hundred feet and flew along the ship from bows to stern. Heavy bombs struck at

each end of the vessel and a column of smoke rose 80 feet from the stern.

Immediately afterwards from the bows came a great flash and a shower of sparks and light debris.

Other bombs which had a slight delay action probably burst below decks but the explosion of the first two had their effect.

A minute or two later, when the crew of the Beaufort looked back, there was a dense pillar of smoke 150 feet high over the ship.

— British Wireless.

ANTI-TOKYO FREEZING POLICY

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THAT ALL THESE REPORTS OF BRITISH AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST THAILAND WERE, OF COURSE, UTTERLY BASELESS.

"The truth is that we have for over a century had friendly relations with Thailand.

"Our policy has no other object than to maintain those relations but it is no less true that any action which would threaten Thai independence and the integrity of Thailand, (cheers) would be a matter of immediate concern to this country, most particularly as threatening the security of Singapore."

Mr. Eden added in serious tones: "I hope these words may yet be heeded."

Aid To China

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Let me add this about another country in the Far East. There is no alliance, formal or informal, between this country and China but every fresh forward move on the part of Japan naturally has the result of bringing China and ourselves closer and closer together.

"The result is more intimate consultation.

"Take, for example, the Chinese Government immediately understanding the importance of the freezing order.

They themselves not only approved of the measure but asked it should be applied to China so that it might be more effective against Japan.

"That friendly collaboration with China will continue and, I pray, will grow. That friendship will continue to grow, independent of the Japanese attitude.

"But the point I make is that Japanese forward aggression invariably results in two friends who have no aggressive intentions getting closer and closer together."—Reuter.

INDEPENDENCE OF ETHIOPIA

The Foreign Secretary informed a Parliamentary questioner that the British Government had made it abundantly clear that it is their intention to recognise an independent Ethiopia as soon as the military situation permitted and such recognition would naturally be followed by the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The evacuation of large numbers of Italian civilians was already proceeding but as negotiations on the subject were in progress he was not at present in a position to give any further information.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

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[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE FULL BRITISH COURT OF APPEAL IN SHANGHAI, PRESIDED OVER BY SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, YESTERDAY REDUCED THE FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE PASSED LAST JANUARY ON PATRICK J. MACKELLAR TO 18 MONTHS.

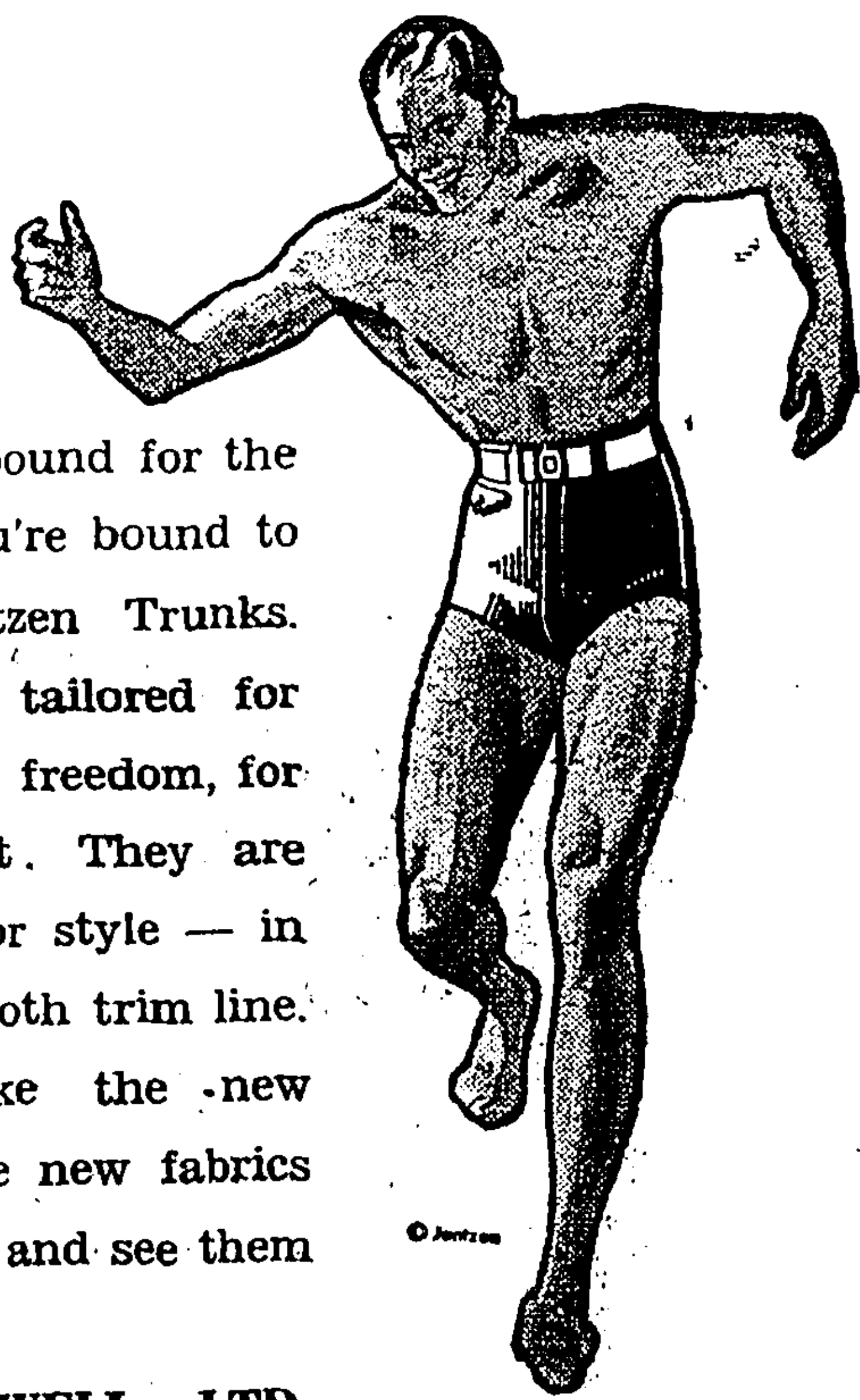
Mackellar's appeal against the sentence on the ground that the jury was misdirected at the trial was turned down.

Mackellar, a well-known Shanghai Briton, was convicted on a charge of embezzling the funds of the American Express.—International News Service.

The Indian Government has banned the export of manganese ore to Japan, according to a report received by the N.Y.K. in Tokyo.

The ban follows a similar ban on the export of pig-iron to Japan.—Reuter.

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RICE
POLICY**

A statement on the working of the Rice Monopoly was made in Legislative Council by the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd, in answer to a question by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson.

Mr. Todd said that the Monopoly is controlled by a Board of Directors composed of highly experienced business men under the chairmanship of the Financial Secretary.

The function of the Monopoly is to import rice direct from the sources of supply for two purposes, one being to maintain the emergency reserve stocks in good condition and in prescribed quantities; the other being to sell to the public as directly as is practicable, i.e. through the medium of registered retailers only, a reasonable number of grades of wholesome, palatable rice at prices which are as low as economic conditions permit.

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**"Hitler's Armies
Begin To Crack"**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"HITLER'S ARMIES ARE BEGINNING TO CRACK. BUT THE REICHSWEHR, STILL A GREAT FORCE, WILL NOT EXPLODE ITSELF; IT WILL TAKE REPEATED POWERFUL BLOWS," DECLARED M. LOZOVSKY, SOVIET VICE-COMMISSAR FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, IN MOSCOW YESTERDAY.

Meanwhile the full might of the Russian Air Force is being hurled into the fray on all the battlefronts, decimating German armoured and infantry forces.

The Red Army now claims important defensive victories on the Leningrad and Kiev fronts, and announces that the 16th German Motorised Division was repulsed while attempting to pierce the Russian line in the north-western sector. The enemy suffered 1,500 casualties.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE 70-MILES GERMAN SALIENT WHICH REACHES AS FAR AS KHOLM, BETWEEN LENINGRAD AND SMOLLENSK, HAS BEEN HALTED.

It is claimed in Moscow that Russian counter-attackers have

thrown back the German Kiev offensive in the Korosten sector, and that an enemy infantry regiment was smashed.

Waves of Russian dive-bombers are "inflicting heavy losses" on the Nazis, weakening their striking power.

German "Resource"

With no definite successes to announce the German High Command has fallen back on the propaganda trick of issuing remarkable Russian casualty figures.

The Red Army, according to the Nazis, has now lost four million men killed, wounded and captured, while German losses were "comparatively small."

The bulk of the Russian field armies have been smashed, the Germans crow, and the German forces are "proceeding to the annihilation of the remnants."

Decisive Phase

The engagements have reached the decisive phase, according to the Germans.

Simultaneously with a claim that booty captured included 13,014 tanks, 10,000 guns and 9,008 planes, the German communiqué alleges that another Soviet division has been captured and a thousand troops killed.

The Luftwaffe is credited with a major role on the Leningrad and Kiev front and in the Baltic, as well as the southern front.

The Luftwaffe has now "eliminated the bulk of the Red Air Force," says Berlin. — International News Service.

**U.S. GUARANTEE TO
EIRE SOUGHT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A motion was introduced in the Dail in Dublin yesterday requesting United States aid to secure Ireland from attack. It is considered doubtful if the Dail will support the move. — International News Service.

**ROOSEVELT
PARTY
'FISHING'**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rumours that Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt are keeping a rendezvous in the Atlantic still persist.

A radio despatch from the presidential yacht, the "Potomac," says: "The cruise is continuing in northern waters to an undisclosed destination. The President spent some time discussing affairs with the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet."

The U.S. Navy Department announces the receipt of another despatch from the yacht, saying: "THE CRUISE SHIP IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY ALONG THE COAST AND THE PARTY IS FISHING. THE WEATHER IS FAIR AND THE SEA SMOOTH."

The message made no mention of a rendezvous between the President and Mr. Churchill at sea.

Meanwhile in London the whereabouts of Mr. Churchill is still unknown. — International News Service.

**SCOTTISH TOWN
BOMBED**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German raiders yesterday bombed a north-east Scottish coastal town. No damage was done to military objectives. — International News Service.

**DAYLIGHT CITY
ROBBERY AND
MURDER**

FIVE ARMED ROBBERS carried out a daring robbery on a Chinese doctor's house in the heart of the City in broad daylight to-day killing a woman servant, severely wounding the doctor and decamping with a considerable amount of money and jewellery.

Shortly before noon, five robbers, one armed with a revolver and four with daggers, gained entrance into Dr. Wong Fung-kuen's house on the first floor of No. 76, Des Voeux Road, Central, next to the Central Market, by pretending to be patients.

The robbers tied and bound the doctor and his servant, and ransacked the premises.

The doctor and servant put up a struggle and the robbers attacked them with daggers.

The servant died shortly after while the doctor was severely wounded on the abdomen. The robbers then decamped with jewellery and money, believed to total over \$1,000.

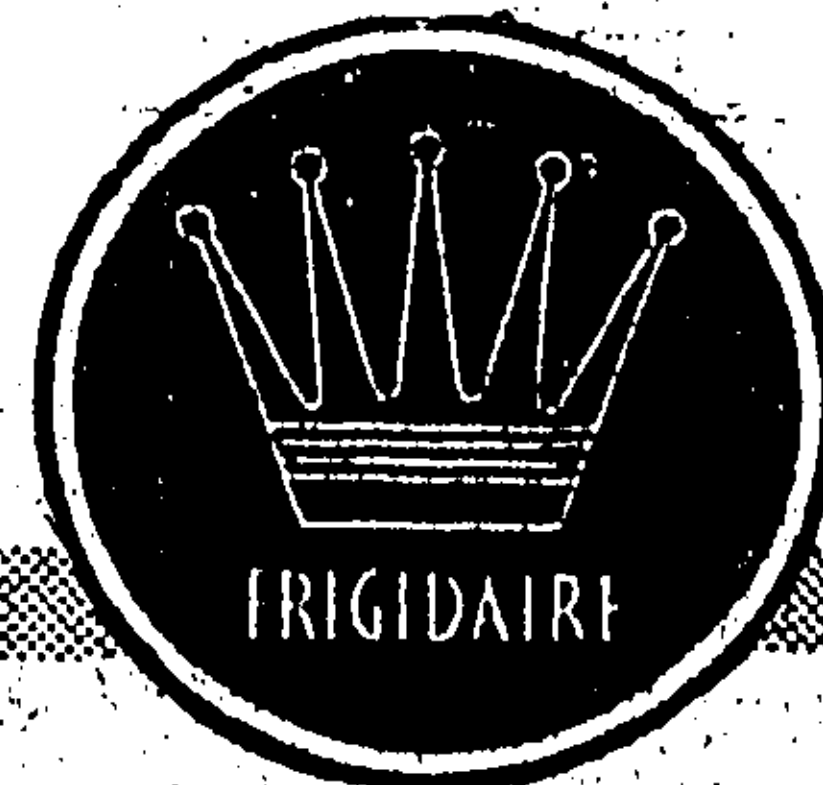
The crime was not discovered until the return of the doctor's wife, who had been away visiting friends.

The police were informed and a party of police officers, under Detective Inspector O'Donovan and Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, arrived.

The doctor was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital, where his condition is reported to be very serious.

**THAILAND
AGITATION**

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Japan Receives Warnings From America And Britain

MOVE INTO THAILAND DANGEROUS

A JAPANESE MOVE into Thailand would be considered as a step menacing American security and endangering American territory in the Pacific.

This was made clear by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Cordell Hull said the United States Government had made clear its vital interest and opposition to any moves of conquest in the Pacific and elsewhere.

He added that this applied to Thailand.

Referring especially to indications that Japan was already demanding military concessions there, Mr. Hull said the United States Government viewed these with increasing concern.

He expressed United States' interest in the integrity and independence of Thailand by referring to previous statements of policy regarding the south-west Pacific.

Mr. Eden's Statement

Any action which would threaten the independence and integrity of Thailand would be a matter of immediate concern to Britain, more particularly, as a threat against the security of Singapore, said Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday when speaking on the Far Eastern situation.

Mr. Eden said that the British Government had not failed to note that the Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they had employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo had pointed out to the Japanese Foreign Minister that if a step of this kind were taken, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Britain and Japan.—Reuter.

SOVIET ACADEMY GREETINGS

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY IN REPLY TO A MESSAGE SENT TO THE U.S.S.R. ACADEMY OF SCIENCES:—

"Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. sends warmest greetings to the Royal Society of Scientists and express feelings of deep admiration and friendship to their British colleagues who, in war conditions, pursue courageously research work obtaining world achievements in various fields of science and thus successfully opposing the aim of Fascism to destroy all culture.

"In the struggle for the happy future of humanity, standing hand to hand against the common foe, the men of science of Britain and the Soviet Union will contribute with all their forces to the triumph of liberty, culture and science over Hitlerite tyranny and obscurantism." — British Wireless.

REORGANISATION OF R.A.A.F.

Reorganisation of the Royal Australian Air Force to provide for all possible wartime emergencies and the creation of new operational commands for all strategic requirements, was announced yesterday by Mr. McEwen, Commonwealth Air Minister, says Reuter.

BOMBING OF YENAN

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE VERY FACT THAT JAPANESE AERIAL OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO THE HEART OF THE COMMUNIST-OCCUPIED AREAS (WITH THE BOMBING OF YENAN) LEADS CHUNGKING OBSERVERS TO THE BELIEF THAT A CHANGE HAS TAKEN PLACE IN CHINESE COMMUNIST POLICY SINCE THE RUSSO-GERMAN WAR.

The Japanese bombing of Yen-an will serve to bring home to the Chinese Communists that any friendly Japanese overture to them is merely political expediency.

Meanwhile observers believe the Communists will intensify guerrilla operations against the Japanese all over North China, as a result of the Yen-an attack.—International News Service.

CONSCRIPTION IN AMERICA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER YESTERDAY WARNED AMERICANS THEY MAY BE IN THE ARMY "FOR FIVE OR TEN YEARS" AND URGED THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION EXTENDING DRAFTEE SERVICE OF 30 MONTHS TO ALL.

He called the talk of extension of service to 18 months "quibbling."—International News Service.

The U.S. Senate yesterday rejected an amendment extending draftee service to 12 months longer than the year already provided. The rejection paves the way for a vote on the Administration's 18-months extension.—International News Service.

Weygand To Be Curbed?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The London "Daily Mail" yesterday carried a message from Madrid reporting that Marshal Petain has decreed that the Vice-Premier, Admiral Darlan, henceforth will decide "all questions of policy in North Africa."

General Weygand, it was added, will carry out Darlan's orders instead of Marshal Petain's.—International News Service.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The French Concession tram strike in Shanghai is still unsettled, with only a skeleton service operating under police guard. Negotiations are proceeding and it is believed the workers and the management will reach an agreement shortly.—International News Service.

MIDDLE EAST AIR OFFENSIVE

Yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique stated that R.A.F. and South African bombers made a series of attacks on landing grounds and other military objectives in Cyrenaica during Monday night.

Bombs were seen to fall on the landing ground of Gazala while at Tmini landing ground a number of explosions were heard after our aircraft had left the target.

At Derna, the port area was attacked by R.A.F. heavy bombers and they hit a mole, causing a violent explosion and two fires.

South African pilots, flying Maryland bombers, also operated over Derna and carried out a series of attacks on motor transport, workshops and assembly plants.

The harbour at Benghazi was again bombed.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S REPRISALS IN NORTH CHINA

The Foreign Secretary, replying to a Commons question, said some interference with British firms in North China had resulted from action taken by the Japanese by way of reprisal for the freezing of Japanese assets by Britain.

He had no information indicating that property belonging to any British firm had been seized but the situation was being closely watched by the local British authorities.—British Wireless.

TROOPS POUR INTO SAIGON

A superficial lull continues to reign in the southern Indo-China political atmosphere as Japanese disembarkations tax port facilities to the utmost and an unceasing stream of truck convoys streams westward.

Almost the whole of the vast concentration of vehicles visible on Tuesday at the Saigon docks disappeared yesterday as troops' ships again took momentary precedence and began discharging new thousands of troops.

The passage of troops and material is being expedited as speedily as possible with a minimum of detachments remaining in Saigon.

The Service Corps is rapidly installing military telephone lines between all important occupation centres and offices.

Mekong Bottleneck

It is understood the Mekong ferry, on the road to Phnompenh, is acting as a serious bottleneck, limiting truck passage to 80 a day.

The Japanese are commandeering a large number of barges and junks and a considerable quantity of material is being shipped up the Mekong. Sporadic attacks appear in the Japanese press against Thailand.—Reuter.

MALAYA DEFENCES IN HIGH STATE OF READINESS

THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF INDO-CHINA INCREASED THE MILITARY THREAT TO MALAYA AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DEFENCES IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, SAID LT-GEN. A. E. PERCIVAL, G.O.C., MALAYA, IN A PRESS INTERVIEW YESTERDAY.

None could say what was going to happen in the Far East, he continued. We had no aggressive designs of any kind but everyone in all the Services and walks of life was determined to do their duty to their country and Empire in defending Malaya.

By the occupation of air bases in Indo-China, Lt-Gen. Percival added, the threat of a surprise attack had increased and this would be further increased if Japan decided to go to Thailand. The British troops were fit and ready for anything.

They had shown by recent feats that they are capable of marches hitherto not thought possible in this climate, while the Australians were specialising in bush warfare, sometimes remaining in the bush for three days at a time.

Vast Organisation

The equipment position was satisfactory. A very vast organisation was being built up to gather supplies from various sources and shortly a branch of the Supply Council might be established in Singapore, to further facilitate allocation.

He concluded that the large reinforcements which had arrived on July 19 and August 5 had shown the base was still reasonably safe. If a threat to Malaya developed these reinforcements would continue to flow in as they have done in the past.—Reuter.

LAST CHANGES IN CAR MODELS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] American motorcars coming out in the autumn will incorporate the last changes in models to be made until the end of the present emergency, according to Mr. Alfred F. Sloan, Chairman of General Motors, in Los Angeles yesterday.

Mr. Sloan said he favoured a stringent curtailment in installment buying.—International News Service.

CHEESE RATION TO BE HIGHER

In view of recent improvements in the cheese supply position the cheese ration for the ordinary British consumer will from August 25 be increased to three ounces per week. The special ration of eight ounces a week for underground miners, vegetarians and agricultural workers will remain unchanged.—British Wireless.

FUTURE GOVERNING OF SYRIA

QUESTIONED ON SYRIA IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY MR. ANTHONY EDEN SAID THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DECLARATION BY GENERAL CATROUX THAT UNTIL EVERY PART OF SYRIA WAS IN FULL OCCUPATION BY THE FREE FRENCH FORCES IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE WITH THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT A TREATY PROVIDING FOR THAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.

It was evident, said Mr. Eden, that the first step must be for the whole country to be occupied by the Allied forces and it was hoped that this process would be completed at a very early date.

As regards the future administration of the country the British Government were in no doubt that the Free French authorities were fully aware of the unsatisfactory conditions under the previous regime.—Reuter.

NO PEACE WITH HITLER

The San Francisco "Chronicle" declares: "Peace with Hitler is impossible.

"Peace does not exist for him and his people do not realise what he has taken away from them. "Peace with Hitler! Peace with the man who has never kept a promise except a promise of brutal savagery. "There can be no peace until the Hitler machine is broken beyond repair."—Reuter.

CHEERFULNESS BREAKS IN

Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

Tribute To Fine Soviet Effort: Review Of War

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS CHEERED LUSTILY YESTERDAY WHEN THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, MR. C. R. ATTLEE, REFERRED TO THE MAGNIFICENT FIGHT OF THE RUSSIAN ARMY AND PEOPLE WHEN HE OPENED THE DEBATE ON THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Attlee stressed the very heavy losses in men and materials by the German forces and gave an indication of the weight of the British air offensive, but he added caution against undue optimism.

There were, he said, satisfactory features in the present phase of the struggle which made it difficult for even the most philosophical to prevent cheerfulness from breaking in.

There was nothing wrong in being cheerful provided we did not allow ourselves to relax our efforts.

We should recognise that our better situation was only comparative and that although we had come through great dangers and triumphs, we were still fighting for our very existence against a very strong and ruthless enemy.

Outstanding fact of the position to-day as compared with a year ago was that Hitler was now fighting on two fronts, which German leaders had always striven to avoid.

Hitler had attacked Britain furiously by air. He had waged war unceasingly at sea but invasion, which at one time seemed imminent had been postponed.

But, said Mr. Attlee, nothing could be more foolish than to imagine that postponement meant abandonment.

Constant Factor

The possibility of an attempt remained and must remain a constant factor in our considerations.

Instructions had been given to all forces in the British Isles to bring to the highest state of readiness the preparations against invasion.

The British Army at home was well equipped and ready and all strength was immeasurably greater than 12 months ago.

He was confident that should a German attempt at invasion by sea or air take place they would be destroyed but nothing could be left to chance.

Gigantic Struggle

Mr. Attlee continued: "To-day our eyes are naturally turned to the gigantic struggle ranging from the White to the Black Sea. Throughout the whole of that enormous battle area, the Russian Army and people are putting up a magnificent fight (Loud Cheers) against the massed forces of Germany and the hangers-on of the Nazi regime.

"It would be very foolish for any one to attempt to forecast the outcome of that struggle, but I think it is abundantly plain the pluck of the German High Command for a rapid victory have not succeeded (Cheers).

"As long ago as July 13, the Germans claimed that Smolensk had fallen and that the roads to Leningrad, Moscow, and Kiev were open. This claim has certainly not been substantiated.

"In the far North, Murmansk remains in Russian hands. Russian resistance is stubborn and the enemy has a considerable way to go before the railway line from Leningrad to Murmansk is reached.

Smolensk Battle

"On the south shore of the Baltic, the thrust towards Leningrad has made no real progress recently. Tremendous fighting is now taking place in the Smolensk area, but the way to Moscow is still far

from being open, while in the Ukraine, Kiev, the capture of which the Germans claimed three weeks ago, is still the bastion in the Russian defence.

"It is clear, from a communique of the German High Command, that they have been disagreeably surprised by the determination, courage and fighting quality of the Russian Army (Cheers). From the tone of German statements, it would appear that they do not consider such pertinacity to be quite playing the game (Laughter).

"It may not be the Nazi game, but it is a winning game. It is clear the Germans have sustained very heavy losses in men and material. I am sure everybody has been stirred by this splendid resistance to the invader (Loud Cheers).

British Aid

Mr. Attlee continued: "We are doing our utmost to give all possible assistance to our ally. A British military mission was at work in Moscow six days after the German invasion and a Russian mission has been at work in London for about the same time.

"We are taking urgent steps to furnish Russia with war materials and supplies for which she has asked.

"The activities of our Fleet at Kirkenes and elsewhere in the north show how close is our physical contact with the Russian forces.

"Above all, while the Russian armies had been stemming the attacks in the east, our bombers are delivering increasingly heavy attacks on western and central Germany.

Heavy Bombings

"Whenever weather conditions allow our attacks proceed without cessation and with growing weight while the depth to which they penetrate increases while the nights lengthen.

"During the month of July 70 attacks were made on towns in Germany and 78 on towns in German-occupied territory. A heavy weight of bombs was delivered with great effect.

"THESE KEEN BLOWS WILL BE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED. (CHEERS).

"In addition to night bombing there have been numerous intensive sweeps by fighter aircraft and daylight bombing raids with and without fighter aircraft.

"I do not think there can be any doubt as to the effect of these attacks on German morale and German communications and German industry.

"In the Middle East during July our air force delivered 128 attacks on various targets, including Beirut, Benghazi and Tripoli.

Comparison Of Losses

"We have lost 285 aircraft while we have destroyed for certain 410 units of the enemy air force.

"In comparison of these figures with those of other periods of the war, when the ratio of aircraft destroyed was so much in our favour, it must be remembered that the true standard is not with September last, for then the Germans were attacking this country in force.

"It was the Germans who were sending their aircraft here in daylight. It is our turn to attack over enemy territory by night and by day.

"I think the result shows the continued superiority of our men and machines."

Declaring that he could not be expected to give any indication of other steps being taken to help Russia, Mr. Attlee said the House could rest assured that within the practical everything possible would be done.

Essential feature of the aid that Britain could give was not that it would be spectacular but that it would be effective.

Battle Of Atlantic

Referring to the Battle of the Atlantic, Mr. Attlee said that during the past two months the Germans had continued the efforts to achieve success.

With the coming of spring the Germans were able to put an increasing number of U-boats into the water. Britain had made early provision to meet this danger by providing more anti-submarine craft.

In the course of the last few months, owing to the heavy scale of defence in home waters, the enemy had to tend to range further and further afield so that the sea battle was now being fought over an immense area extending far out toward the coasts of the United States and far south in the tropical seas of Africa.

In this battle, said Mr. Attlee, "we have of course suffered severe losses.

We shall not be satisfied while these losses continue but we can look back on the last two months with reasonable satisfaction.

"I cannot give detailed figures without presenting the enemy with information he would much like to have but I can say that supplies have been maintained at a satisfactory figure in spite of all the enemy's efforts. (Cheers).

Convoys Get Through

"Our convoys of vital supplies continue to arrive. From July 11 to July 28 the enemy were unable to broadcast a single claim of a successful attack by a U-boat.

"HOWEVER, IN THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE MONTH, U-BOATS DID MEET WITH ONE OF THE SOUTHBOUND ATLANTIC CONVOYS. A LARGE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AND A GREAT EFFORT WAS MADE."

"A still greater effort was made by the Nazi propaganda claim to have sunk 116,000 tons in addition to a corvette and a destroyer.

"They gave a vivid description of a destroyer squadron sailing around the convoy zigzagging while an auxiliary cruiser directed the movements of the convoy and the protecting ships, which included Q-boats.

"Next day they raised the total tonnage sunk to 140,000 tons."

KRUPPS AT ESSEN BOMBED TWENTY TIMES

The Air Minister disclosed in a parliamentary answer yesterday that the Krupp's armament works at Essen had been attacked on 20 occasions. — British Wireless.

The Real Facts

"What were the real facts? There were no destroyers, no Q-boats and no auxiliary cruisers present."

The convoy was protected by corvettes, which gave a very good account of themselves, as the U-boats have reason to know.

"I cannot give exact details of the tonnage sunk. The enemy's claims represent an exaggeration of at least 350 per cent. and probably 700 per cent. (Laughter and cheers).

"If there were really some grounds for enemy satisfaction it would be unnecessary to indulge in these flights of fancy."

Holding Our Own

"None with any judgment would contend we have yet won the Battle of the Atlantic but we can say that in this vital part of the battlefield we are holding our own."

"The enemy has up to now failed to prevent the orderly transport of food and ammunition across the seas to this country."

"IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THE WAR AT SEA ALSO HAS ITS OFFENSIVE SIDE. JULY WAS A GOOD MONTH."

"On the North Sea and the Atlantic coast we destroyed, damaged or put out of action 69 enemy ships totalling 291,000 tons. This does not account for hits made on small craft, barges, tugs and the like."

"In the Mediterranean the numbers were 23 ships totalling 168,000 tons, and another 30 ships were hit and considerably damaged."

"Attacks were also made on more ships with satisfactory results. Apart from attacks on smaller units and attacks on warships, 459,000 tons were sunk, damaged or put out of action in that month." (Cheers).

Nazi Anxieties

Mr. Attlee continued: "Considering that targets offered by the enemy are much smaller than ours, these results must cause him anxiety and may contribute to the need for his putting out extravagant claims."

Mr. Attlee made a reference to the successful conveying of stores through the danger areas of the Mediterranean and paid, amidst cheers, a high tribute to the skill and courage of the protecting naval and air forces."

Referring to the Middle East, Mr. Attlee said the presence of British forces on the Turkish-Syrian border would confirm and fortify British friendship and alliance with the Turks and enable Britain to afford greater protection to the inhabitants of Cyprus.

In the south-east only a small pocket of Italians was held up in Gondar. Elsewhere in Abyssinia the Emperor, with the help of his Cabinet of Ministers, had begun the reconstruction of his country. (Loud cheers).

At the Emperor's request, advisors had been placed at his disposal by the British Government and financial assistance was being afforded.

Libyan Campaign

On the left flank, in Libya, there was a constant offensive against

PLIGHT OF BRITISH CIVILIANS

The plight of British civilians detained in enemy-occupied countries was touched upon by Mr. Anthony Eden in the Commons yesterday when questioned on this subject.

The release of such persons, said Mr. Eden, was largely a matter of reciprocity. Since it was contrary to the policy of the British Government to release enemy subjects of military age, no step had been taken to secure the repatriation of male British subjects who, at the outbreak of war, were completing their education at continental universities.

While the British and German Governments were in general agreement as to the repatriation on a reciprocal basis of other classes of civilian subjects, it unfortunately so far had been found impossible to arrive at any understanding on the route by which repatriation could take place.

The German refusal to grant a safe conduct for any ship carrying civilians to or from the United Kingdom had rendered progress impracticable for the time being. — Reuter.

NAZI DEMANDS ON VICHY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The official Russian Tass agency yesterday carried a Berne dispatch that Germany has presented Vichy with demands for bases in Algiers, Casablanca and Dakar.

An answer is expected not later than Sunday, the report claimed. — International News Service.

both on the Libyan border and in Tobruk, where the vigour of the British fighting patrols had kept the enemy in such a state of continued nervousness that he had to illuminate the desert by night with searchlights.

Meanwhile, Mr. Attlee continued, "day by day and week by week, tanks, guns, planes and supplies continue to arrive. In the Middle East and reorganisation and training for the next forward move go on."

"Another fact which differentiates our situation from that of last year is the vastly increased scope of the assistance we are receiving from the United States. (Cheers).

"Not only does this stream of material exceed anything we received in the last war but it is sent to us under the extraordinarily generous terms of the Lend and Lease Act. (Cheers).

"The visit of Mr. Harry Hopkins had for its main purpose the promotion of even greater assistance under this Act."

European Unrest

There was clear evidence, he continued, of the rising tide of resistance to Hitler's rule in all the invaded countries. From the start there had been sullen resentment and growing opposition, and this increased month by month.

The "V" Campaign was no stunt, but the spontaneous expression of the desire and hopes of civilised human beings who longed for deliverance from barbarian rule.

Mr. Attlee concluded: "The nations in Europe look to us, not only to destroy Hitlerism but to show by practice as well as by precept a true alternative to Hitler's new order."

"We cannot foresee whether the time or the circumstances of our victory; we cannot tell the trials and difficulties that we have yet to endure, but we know that when victory comes, as come it will, we shall have to take a leading part in helping establish a world of peace, freedom and social justice." (Loud Cheers). — Reuter.

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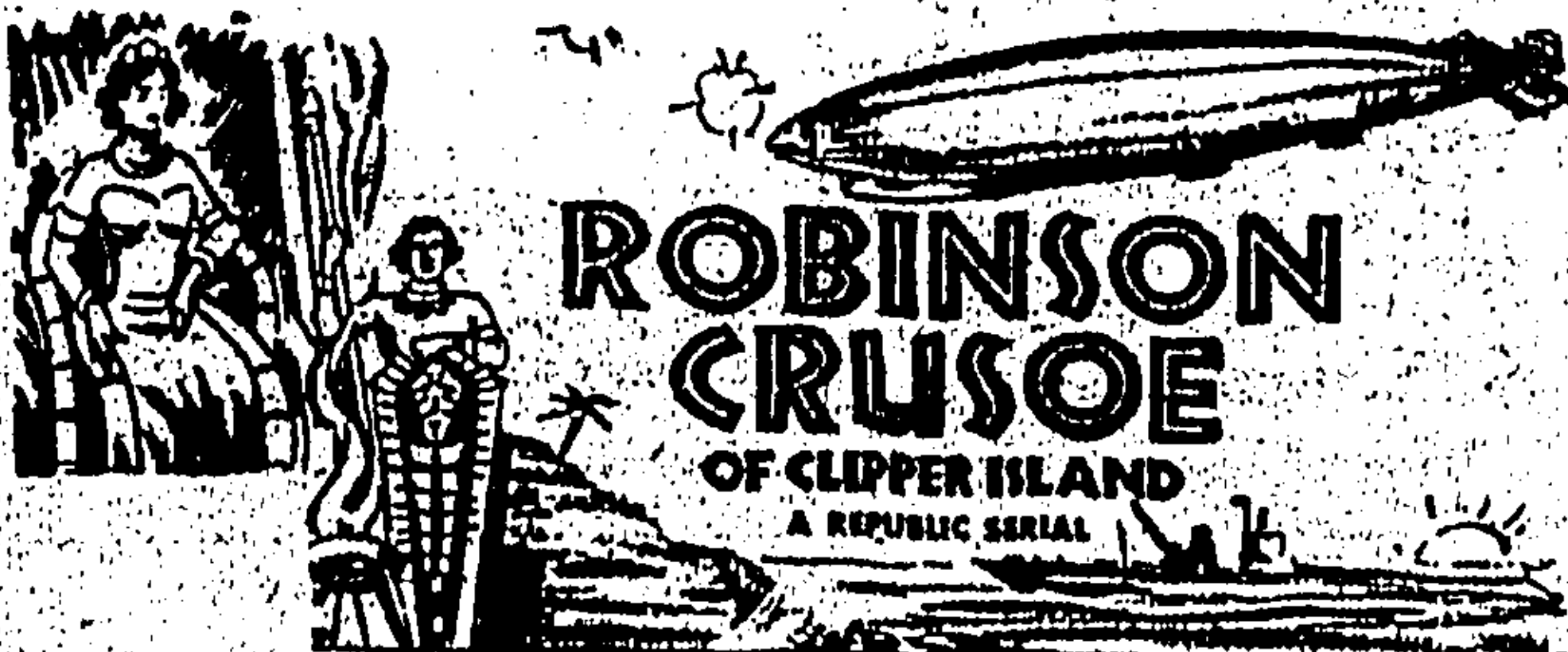
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SHIFT IN BALANCE OF WAR CREATES NEW OPPORTUNITY

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN, SPEAKING IN THE WAR DEBATE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID IT WAS TRUE THERE HAD BEEN A SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF THE WAR AS A RESULT OF THE GERMAN INVASION OF RUSSIA.

Mr. Eden continued: "That shift has had another consequence within Germany herself. Hitler, by his completely unprovoked action, has to some extent crossed and confused the fate of his own people.

"He brought them up on the belief that Communism was an enemy. He made a complete change of front when, two years ago, he entered into an arrangement with Soviet Russia. "He has now asked his people to follow him in yet another change.

"Inevitably, as can be seen and even felt in the terms of the communiques, that action has crossed and confused German faith in its own war purpose.

"References have been made to my speech of a few days ago and to the distinction which I there sought to draw in our post-war settlements between the military treatment of Germany and the economic treatment of Germany.

No Wavering

"Militarily every precaution that can be devised to see that Germany does not for the sixth time plunge Europe into war has got to be taken. (Cheers.)

"It may be that in Germany there will eventually grow up a spirit different from this thing which has created Hitler and supports him.

"But we cannot afford to take any risk in that respect. (Cheers.) On that there can be no wavering.

"ECONOMICALLY THE POSITION IS DIFFERENT. TO PUT IT AT ITS LOWEST IT WOULD BE TO OUR DISADVANTAGE AND TO EUROPE'S THAT GERMAN SHOULD BE ECONOMICALLY RUINED AFTER THE WAR."

Political Warfare

"The British Government," Mr. Eden continued, "realise that this state of affairs created an opportunity for political warfare.

"We have made certain changes recently in the work for the co-ordination and for the operation of our political warfare. I believe these changes will bring a further improvement.

"It is certainly true that we are now entering a period of greater opportunities than we have had before for political warfare, and I can assure you that so far as Government is concerned we realise the opportunity has been given.

On Two Fronts

"It is true, as true as Mr. Attlee said, that there is a war on two fronts. It is true in the sense that there is already a war in the air — I would say in actual fact on more than two fronts, for the Mediterranean is a third front in which a very vigorous war at sea and in the air is at this moment taking place.

"It is true that German plans had to be made on the assumption of a war on two fronts. This is what Mr. Attlee meant and this in no way discloses to the enemy what action may or may not be our future plan or intentions."

Middle East

Referring to the Middle East situation, Mr. Eden said: "We have said over and over again that this country has no territorial ambitions in this war.

"We seek no territory anywhere. We did not go to war to enlarge our frontiers.

"We went to war because the Nazi menace threatened the life of Europe and our own lives and freedom, as it threatens to-day the people of the world. We went to war to resist aggression, not to

steal prizes or pilfer loot."

Mr. Eden said: "It follows there can be on our part only one policy towards all those nations who live in the area bounded on the west by the Suez Canal and on the east by the frontiers of India.

One Policy

"For all countries who live in that area we have only one policy. We wish them to live their own lives in security and at peace.

"After the (Great) War in Iraq and after considerable expenditure of money we set up an independent Iraqi State and withdrew our forces.

"The world will have to look far before it will find any sign of action of that kind in Hitler's policy.

"When our conflict with Germany and Italy is over we shall do our utmost to assist those lands of the Middle East to enjoy a free and independent life.

"Meanwhile our forces of men and material in the Middle East are being strengthened for their next forward blow.

Must Cooperate

"I suggest to those lands in the Middle East that the blows which these forces will strike will be blows struck for their own independence as much as for ours.

"That carries with it the corollary that those countries must co-operate with us in ensuring that they do not afford an opportunity to Germany or to the Axis to create trouble, disturbances, upheavals and risings to further their war effort.

"To take one example, there is in Iran to-day a large number of Germans. Experience has shown in many lands that these German colonists, experts, tourists or whatever they may be called, are extremely dangerous to the independence of the country in which they are found.

Iran Warned

"We have drawn the serious attention of the Iranian Government to the danger to their own interests which they are risking by continuing to permit large numbers of Germans to reside in their country.

"I trust the Iranian Government will not fail to heed this warning given in all friendliness and in all sincerity, and that they will take the necessary measures

now to deal with this situation.

"The foundation of our relations with Turkey is the Anglo-Turkish Treaty which we have and shall continue to observe loyally.

"The friendship between this country and Turkey can be a lasting contribution to European understanding not only during the war but after the war.

"Suggestions have been reported in the press from time to time, made by enemy propaganda, that we might agree or have agreed to some arrangement or other at the expense of Turkey.

Full Part

"There is not a shred of truth in any such suggestion. We would never agree to anything of the kind nor has any suggestion of the kind ever been made to us by any power.

"The post-war world will require the collaboration of many states, great and small. In that world modern Turkey, re-created by the genius of Ataturk, will have her full part to play and in doing so Turkey will decide her own course and choose her own collaborators.

"There is another country in the Near East about which I must speak in very different terms — Bulgaria.

Bulgaria's Day Coming

"Bulgaria took the opportunity presented by the wanton attacks of Italy and Germany on Greece and Yugoslavia to seize a large stretch of Greek and Yugoslavian territory.

"In so doing she showed herself hostile to her Balkan neighbours and to the whole conception of Balkan unity.

"SHE MAY REST ASSURED THAT IN THE END HER ILL-GOTTEN GAINS WILL NOT BENEFIT HER. HER ACTION WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN BY OURSELVES NOR BY OUR ALLIES WHEN THE DAY OF RECKONING COMES. (CHEERS.)

"It has been said with truth that we have watched with growing admiration the magnificent resistance of the Russian Army, and the arrangement to which a few days ago the Russian and Polish Governments came for the immediate regulation of their own affairs, is equally heartening. It will open a new chapter.

Polish Step

"Despatch is being used in giving effect to the agreement. A Commander-in-Chief of the Polish forces in Russia has already been appointed by the Polish Government in agreement with the Soviet Government, and has begun his work.

"Officers from this country and one or two representative Polish political officers are already in Moscow, and have begun their work and I have been assured by both countries, and I am convinced, it is true, that they are determined to work in agreement with energy to make the maximum contribution possible to the defeat of Germany at the earliest possible moment." — Reuter.

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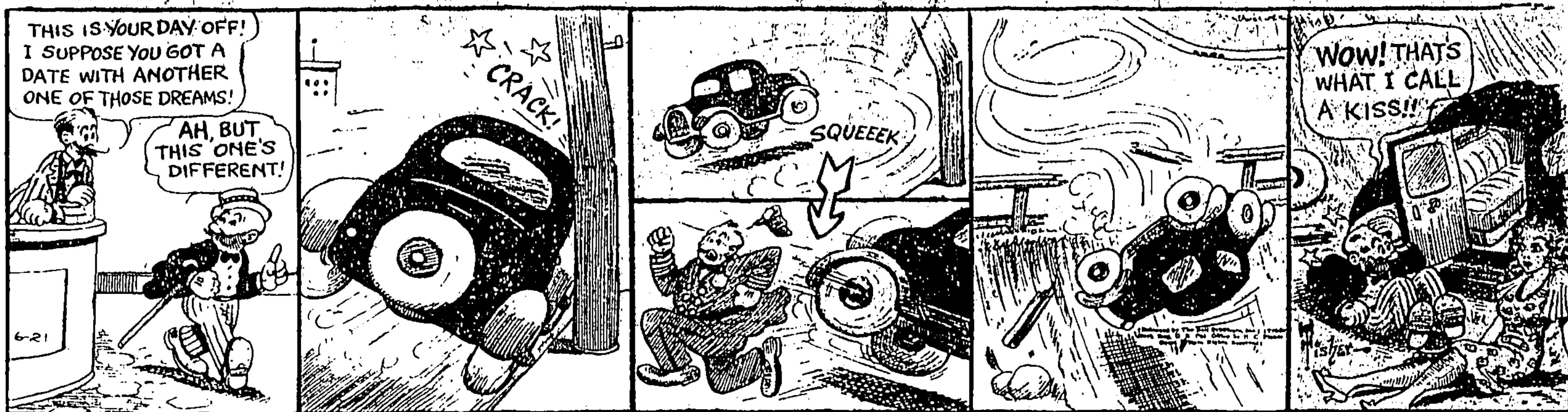
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SCHARNHORST RETURNS TO BREST

The German battle-ship Scharnhorst has returned to Brest where it has docked and is undergoing repairs, says Reuter from London.

VICHY'S ANSWER

THE FRENCH REPLY TO AMERICA'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF FRANCE'S POLICY ON EMPIRE DEFENCE HAS BEEN HANDED TO ADMIRAL LEAHY, THE AMBASSADOR TO VICHY.

It was stated in Vichy yesterday that "the reply outlines the guiding principles of French policy on the lines defined by Admiral Darlan and General Weygand." — Reuter.

RESTIVENESS IN NAZI-OCCUPIED EUROPE

A SERIES OF United Press reports give a vivid picture of the unsettled conditions in German-occupied Europe.

A Stockholm despatch reports that a state of siege has been declared at Salesund, western Norway, because of sabotage and anti-German demonstrations.

The despatch said Norse patriots damaged German communications and military establishments, and that the Germans seized 10 leading Salesund citizens as hostages.

When the police took them to the ship for transport to Germany, 5,000 persons tried to rescue them and it was necessary to call soldiers.

The German official news agency from Belgrade reported nine "Communists" were executed in north-eastern Yugo-

slavia for sabotage.

Several days ago over 100 "Communists and Jews" were shot in Belgrade.

Serb Guerillas

United Press reports from Ankara quoted diplomats as saying the Germans had sent 25,000 more troops to Yugoslavia because of the guerillas.

Another Ankara despatch, quoting travellers from Greece, said that about 10 deaths occurred daily in Athens from starvation and men fainted daily in the streets from hunger.

The travellers said the Greeks were recklessly pro-British and held their noses when German or Italian troops passed, cheered British prisoners and left restaurants when Germans or Italians entered.

Budapest Arrests

United Press from Budapest reported that three former members of the Rumanian National Labour Party were sent to a concentration camp for unspecified charges.

An Ankara despatch on the disaffection in Greece said the German authorities no longer sounded air raid alarms when British planes raided aerodromes because the Greeks immediately climbed to cheer the British raiders.

The Germans have given up trying to prevent Greeks from listening to British broadcasts because they would have to shoot too many.

It was added that rifle shots often were heard after curfew.

"V" For Victory

The "V" for British victory appeared on walls and windows everywhere, accompanied by the letters "R.A.F."

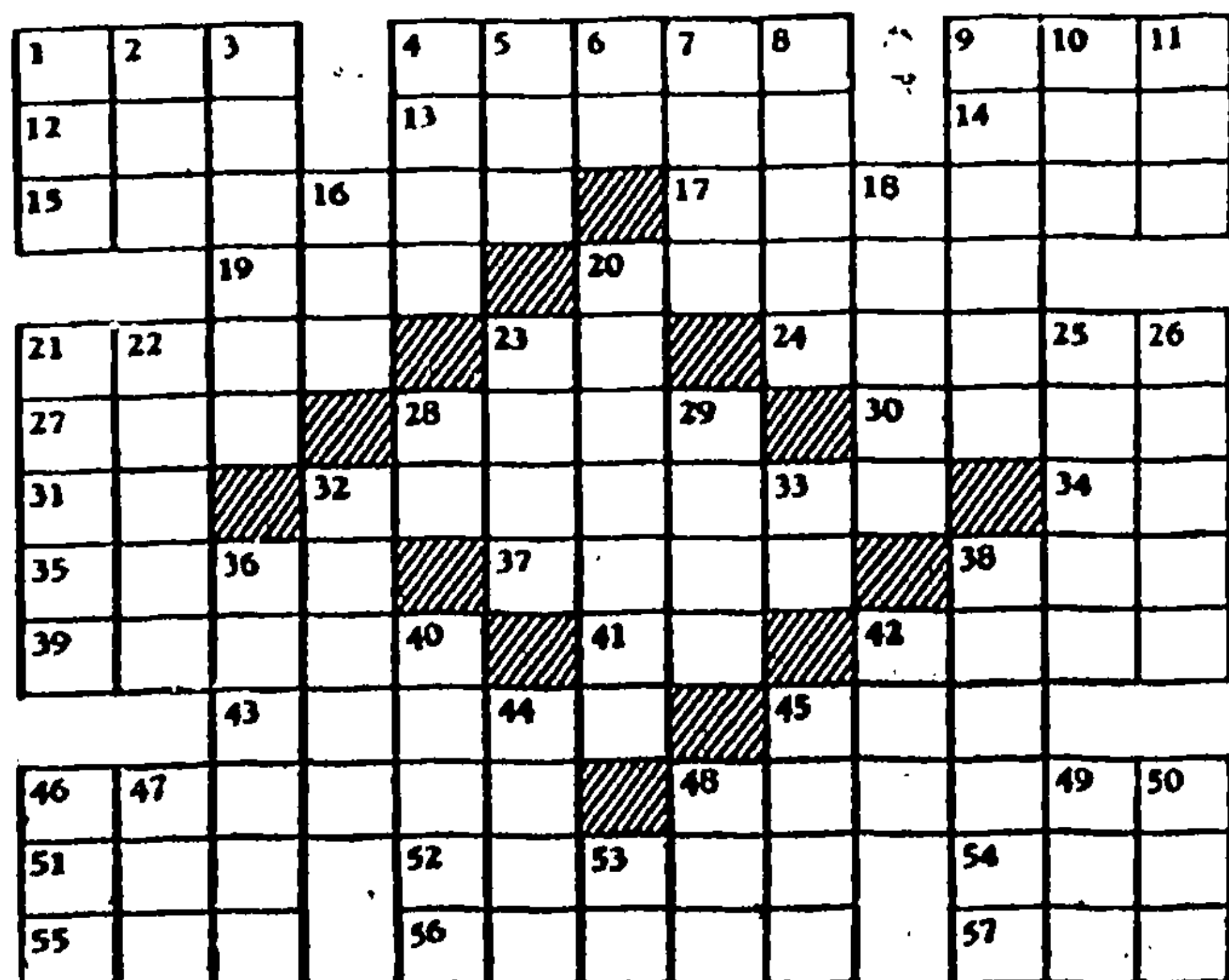
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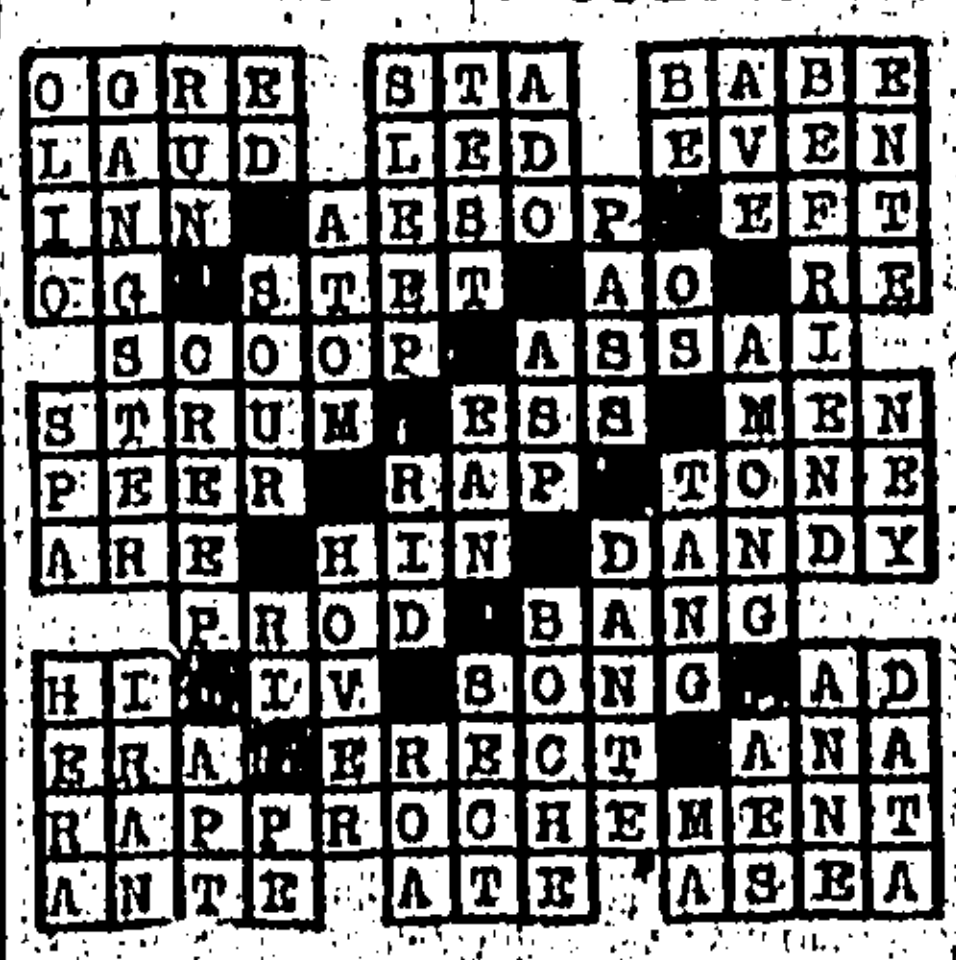
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URGENT NEED OF PRIMARY EDUCATION FACILITIES

THE MOST URGENT development required in the field of education in Hong Kong, says the report for 1940-41 of the Director of Education, Mr. C. G. Sollis, is the extension of Government provision for Chinese primary education, especially for the children of the poorer classes.

This, says Mr. Sollis, should take two forms: the provision of Government schools and more generous subsidies to private schools.

For the former a ten year plan has been drawn up and approved by the Board of Education, providing ultimately for 50 schools (20 urban to accommodate about 7,200 children, and 30 small rural schools to accommodate from 2,500 to 3,000).

For the latter a new subsidy code has been prepared and approved by the Board of Education and the Hong Kong Government. The plan for Government rural schools includes a new teachers' training college for rural school teachers.

Another development of almost equal urgency is the provision of playgrounds for schools in the urban districts. A list of areas in which such playgrounds are required has been prepared and submitted to the Town Planner.

New Grant Code

When the new grant code receives final approval, there will be reasonable provision under existing conditions for English education, and further expansion should await the prior development of Chinese schools as outlined above.

The report of the Education Department also reveals that the provided schools (that is, Government schools) cost \$1,915,234 during the period January 1940 to March 1941 and fees collected totalled \$366,528. Aided schools cost Government \$578,570 in grants and subsidies.

There were no less than 400 applications for the 48 places in the new course starting in September 1940 at the Teachers Training College.

NAZI TRANSPORT SUNK

The midday Russian communique yesterday stated: "During the night of 5/6 August our troops continued to wage battle with the enemy in the Kholm-Smolensk, and Byelaya-Tserkov directions and on the Estonian sector of the front."

"In other directions and sectors of the front there were no large scale military operations."

"In the Baltic Sea an enemy transport with troops and ammunition was sunk by our submarines."

"Our air force continued to inflict blows upon motor and mechanised units, infantry and artillery of the enemy and on the air force at his aerodromes."

—British Wireless.

NANTAO GATES TO BE REOPENED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

After being closed for a week the gates of Nantao, in Shanghai, are expected to be reopened to-day by the Japanese authorities. Closure was due to searches for terrorists following the wounding of a Japanese gendarme last week.—International News Service.

SOVIET ORDERS IN U.S. FROZEN

The United States has unfrozen millions of dollars worth of Soviet orders in America, according to a Reuter despatch from Washington.

COLONY AS HAVEN OF REFUGE FOR HOMELESS

The war in Europe has dominated the outlook of the staff and the war in China that of the prisoners to a large number of whom release from prison has meant a return to land in occupation by the enemy and to devastated homes with families probably dead or scattered, writes Major J. L. Willcocks, in his report on the Prisons Department for 1940-41.

With these conditions prevailing, he says, it is hardly surprising that Hong Kong has been regarded as a haven of refuge by the hungry and the homeless and by the army of scallywags always to be found on the fringe of war.

The year has been one long struggle against the evil effects of over-crowding due to abnormal conditions which have, of course, aggravated the miserable poverty of the majority of the Chinese from whom the prison population comes.

In consequence, progressive prison administration has been sadly hampered and the only grounds for satisfaction are that things have not been allowed to slip back to what they were in the bad old days.

In addition to their normal duties, which have been heavier than ever before, both the European and Indian staff have worked hard to fit themselves to take part in the defence of the Colony, should the need arise, as units of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. The wardress staff of Lai Chi Kok Prison have to-day co-operated wholeheartedly in work for the British War Organisation.

Defence Work

Prison industries have assisted in defence measures by the manufacture of articles required by the military authorities and by supplying convict labour for digging trenches, levelling camp sites and on anti-malarial work.

Apart from extensive civil defence measures the only major work has been the trenching and manuring of a large piece of land on the west side of the prison in preparation for the growing of alfalfa and Chinese spinach as an experiment to be carried out in conjunction with the Medical and Botanical and Forestry Departments.

In June the prison printing industry was closed down, the printing machinery and stock were transferred to the Government Printers in Hong Kong and the printing shop was converted into a temporary workshop for the newly started concrete block making industry.

In spite of gross overcrowding discipline has been well maintained and up to the close of 1940 health equally so. Unfortunately, during the period 1st January—31st March, 1941, there occurred an outbreak of dysentery (99 cases) followed by an outbreak

30,000 ITALIAN BODIES FOUND

Bodies of 30,000 Italian soldiers, apparently from sunken Italian troop transports, have been washed ashore in Tunis, North Africa, states Columbia Broadcasting System, New York.

of cholera (26 cases and 7 deaths), both in Stanley Prison.

Remand Prison

In the industrial, spiritual, mental and physical training of prisoners there has been no change and the position with regard to young offenders and after-care remained the same. On the 1st April, 1941, however, the Juvenile Remand Home was transferred from the Police to the Prisons Department and became the Causeway Bay Reformatory for convicted boys while boys on remand went to the new Juvenile Section of Victoria Remand Prison.

The incarceration of persons awaiting trial, debtors, destitutes and deportees in Victoria Remand Prison (11,464 admissions, including "Special Release" prisoners, during the period) has proved a success and continues to function satisfactorily. The popularity of the move of the Remand Prison with the poorest section of the general public who formerly were not able to visit their friends and relatives on remand in Stanley Prison owing to the cost of transport is evidenced by the number of visitors to Victoria Remand Prison during the period, viz: 6530.

SENTENCE REDUCED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE FULL BRITISH COURT OF APPEAL IN SHANGHAI, PRESIDED OVER BY SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, YESTERDAY REDUCED THE FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE PASSED LAST JANUARY ON PATRICK J. MACKELLAR TO 18 MONTHS.

Mackellar's appeal against the sentence on the ground that the jury was misdirected at the trial was turned down.

Mackellar, a well-known Shanghai Briton, was convicted on a charge of embezzling the funds of the American Express.—International News Service.

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UNASSIMILATED

From the Nazi-occupied lands a steady trickle of smuggled news provides continuous evidence that Hitler has not overcome the dauntless spirit of the peoples he has conquered and disarmed. Fresh evidence comes from Norway. There all but three of the eighteen Provincial Governors have resigned rather than obey the puppet Quisling. Three are under arrest, and these presumably are the three left nominally in office. For the vacant places there are available only the subservient dregs of the population who seek German favour by submission to any and all German demands. They command neither the respect nor the co-operation necessary to authority.

German punishment of such intransigence is prompt, but thus far it has been ineffectual. Under the excuse of a shortage of workers, compulsory labour has now been decreed throughout the country. But it will not profit the occupying Power. Norwegian exports to the Reich steadily decline. Transferable loot has been exhausted and the population ingeniously keeps production down so that new supplies fail to materialise. Hitler reaps only new problems from the lands he has overrun.

"LEAVE THEM ALONE"

Like the policeman's the life of the Italian soldier is not a happy one. Occasionally he may be called upon to fight, which is bad. But when tired of fighting he can always surrender. He has his way out. At home rations may be short. His spaghetti and olive oil may in his view be less than he needs to keep in good form. But he has his consolations in the past. They say that women always fall for a uniform, forgetting that it is not the pants but the personality that counts. And if one happens to be an officer, with gold braid here and there about the person, then one may even aspire so high as a chorus girl; for chorus girls are notoriously fond of gold braid, ranking it second only to the gold itself. Now, however, the "Popolo d'Italia" has come out with a warning to Italian chorus girls to "leave the army alone." In addition they are forbidden to wear pseudo-army uniforms on the stage or to do the Italian



GO PICK ON SOME OTHER "GUYS"

The Writing On The Wall

Dr. Goebbels recently informed neutral journalists in Berlin that Germany must end the war this year. Germany's only object, he said, is to expel Britain from Europe and to secure peace by the defeat and conquest of the British Isles. Hitherto, he explained, the weather has been unfavourable, but three weeks of fine weather in succession will show what German aircraft can do.

German aircraft can do much. They have been bombing London

and other British cities again. British aircraft have not been inactive — as the Germans know. But last year Britons saw what German aircraft can do in fine weather. During August and September, 1940, the weather favoured them. Then they out-numbered British and Allied aircraft by three to one. Hitler had announced his arrival in London on August 15. He failed to arrive. His aircraft were shot down by

goosestep. The goosestep is the prerogative of the "glorious soldier," however much he may not like it. This is as hard upon the soldier as it is upon the chorus girl, but no doubt the warning was issued with the best of intentions. Once upon a time it was believed that semi-military displays encouraged the martial spirit. Perhaps they still do, but the authorities have discovered that if there is no martial spirit to be encouraged, they may encourage other things less desirable. The goosestep is in itself a harmless method of proceeding from one spot to another, though it may be slow and a trifle fatiguing. The spectacle of somebody else doing it on the stage may have softened some of the horrors of war for the Italian soldier and sown the seeds of a belief that he may not look when he is doing it quite as foolish as he may feel. But now even that small consolation is denied him. It seems that the Italian authorities have only to cut down the speed limit on the stage and the drama will have no appeal to the military mind at all.

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By Wickham Steed

the numerically inferior British and Allied aircraft at the rate of more than three German losses to one British and Allied loss. Thus he lost the first Battle of Britain. It may have been the decisive battle of the war.

Britons Remember

If Dr. Goebbels has forgotten what happened then, Britons have not forgotten. They know, too, that the quality of British aircraft and pilots to-day is equal to their quality last year, and that they are no longer outnumbered by three to one. So Britain awaits fine weather without trepidation.

I have just read an analysis, by a competent German expert, of Hitler's attempt to defeat and conquer Britain last year. Unlike some British experts who believed that Germany then used only a part of her first-line air strength against Britain, the German expert declares that in September 1940 Hitler used all his available aircraft in the battle. After the failure of the first German attack in August, Hitler and Goering felt that they must throw everything into the attempt to defeat Britain. The German expert reckons that in the two attempts German losses in pilots and crews were between 17,000 and 18,000 trained men, including the pilots and crews lost while trying to land at their bases in machines which British and Allied airmen had damaged.

British official figures of German losses took no account of these damaged machines. Only German aircraft actually destroyed

ed over England or forced down into the sea were counted. If this German expert is right Dr. Goebbels may feel less confident than he seems that Britain will be defeated and conquered this year. Yet he is right in supposing that in order to secure peace Nazi Germany must defeat and conquer the British Isles. Britons think it will not be easy, either this year or at any future time.

In September 1914 Germany was heavily defeated at the first battle of the Marne. The defeat was hidden from the German people until the spring of 1918. When they heard of its truth spirit broke. One day the German people will also learn how heavily Hitler was defeated in the Battle of Britain last year. Then their spirit may be shaken once again. General Milch, who created the German air force, has urged them not to give way to despondency. Before long the German people will certainly have cause to know how powerful British aircraft have become.

Germany also has reason to understand the meaning of the Lease-and-Lend Bill. In material help to Britain its effects will be remarkable. But there are political and moral aids to the Bill which neither Hitler nor Goebbels can overlook. I think the passing of the Lease-and-Lend Bill the most significant event in Anglo-American history since the North American colonies declared their independence of Britain in 1776. For the first time in Anglo-American history the British people have won not only the respect but the admiration of a great majority of United States citizens. This has never happened before. Nothing like it happened even in the war of 1914-1918. And if it has happened now there are two main reasons for it.

The Two Reasons

One reason is certainly a conviction in the United States that British resistance to Nazi Germany is the first line of defence for the Western Hemisphere. But another and more potent reason is a belief that Britain is not fighting for British imperialism or for any territorial ambition. Britain is seen to be fighting the foes of human freedom whom it is the moral duty no less than the interest of the United States to help Britain and her Allies to defeat and destroy.

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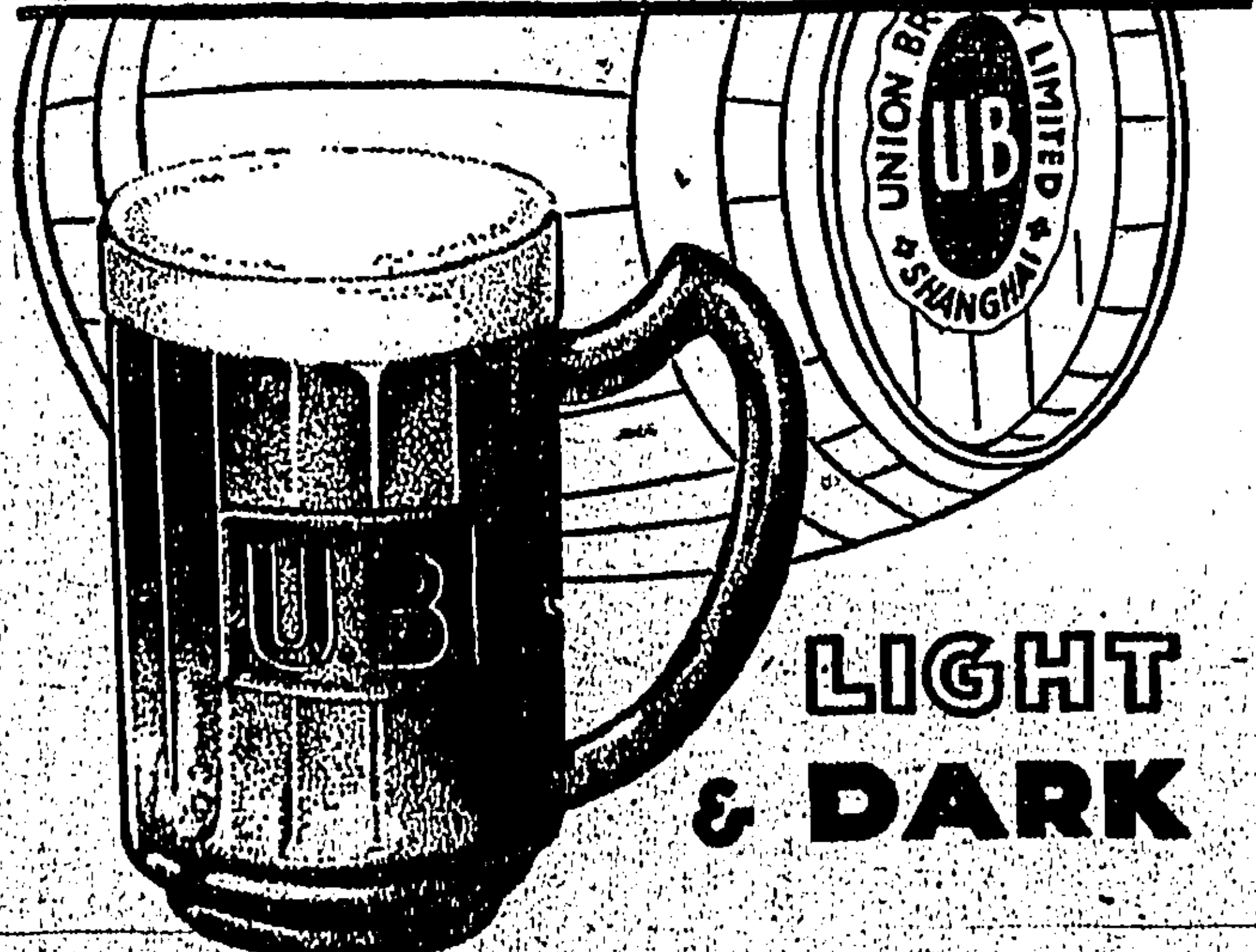
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New Government House: Magazine Gap Plan Detailed

DETAILS OF THE proposed lay-out of the new Government House, which was to have been situated near Magazine Gap, and on which work was stopped at the outbreak of war, are contained in the report of the P.W.D. for 1939, laid on the table in Legislative Council this afternoon.

The description is published to-day as a matter of interest, though it is understood that there is a possibility that Government House will never be erected on the Magazine Gap site, because of the many disadvantages created by the comparative smallness of the site.

As the report points out, the site consists of an irregular spur which slopes steeply on three sides and commands a magnificent view.

The precipitous nature of the ground restricted the area available for building and considerable difficulty was experienced in providing sufficient area for the accommodation required together with the ample approach and parking space necessary for a building of this nature.

The plans provided for a building of three storeys containing a semi-basement, basement, ground and first floors.

The semi-basement is approached by a separate entrance at the lower level for the delivery of all goods and contains offices for the custodian and clerks, kitchens, heating and air conditioning chambers, stores and an air raid shelter. Quarters for personal servants are also situated at this level.

The ground floor is divided into three suites, the office suite, state suite and private suite each having separate entrances. The office suite contains offices for H.E. the Governor, the A.D.C., the Private Secretary, stenographers, waiting room and lavatory accommodation. The state suite is placed on the central axis and is entered from a wide portico. Cloak rooms are situated on each side of the entrance hall from which a wide flight of steps gives access to the inner and main stair hall.

Paved Terrace

These two halls provide circulation for the reception room, dining room, ball room, loggia and the large ball room from which ample egress is provided leading directly on to a spacious paved terrace overlooking the grounds and gardens. The private suite, which is self contained, is situated at the west end of the building and consists of a lounge and winter garden, a drawing room, dining room, library, writing room and one other additional room. A billiard room is situated between this suite and the state suite and has access from both.

The principal rooms open out on to a wide verandah from which a broad flight of steps leads down to a grass terrace. Below this is situated an Italian garden to be laid out in formal manner with paths and flower beds and flanked on one side by a stone pergola which surmounts one of the retaining walls forming a feature of the landscape gardening. Beyond this are situated broad lawns, which, suitably terraced and planted with trees would merge into the surrounding hill side.

ILL-TREATMENT OF A BABY

Lau Mei, 29, of No. 2, North Street, third floor, was sentenced to three months' hard labour without the option, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, this morning, for ill-treating a two-year-old child.

Mr. H. W. Fraser said that the woman was seen to strike the baby, with a cane on the body, legs and buttocks, by a fellow tenant, who telephoned the Police.

FARE DODGER

For avoiding payment of bus fare from Lanchow to the Star Ferry wharf yesterday, Mak Chun-chi, 18, was fined \$15 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning.

IRON CROSS FOR MAX SCHMELING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was announced in Berlin yesterday that Max Schmeling has been awarded the Iron Cross and promoted corporal, as a result of the Crete campaign, in which he was earlier reported killed.—International News Service.

Churchill And Roosevelt

VEIL KEPT TIGHT OVER MYSTERY

Mr. Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt were almost the sole topic of conversation in Washington again yesterday but no single ray of light has been allowed by any official to illuminate the mystery.

NO CURTAIN OF SECRECY HAS EVER BEEN MORE TIGHTLY PUT OVER THE MOVEMENTS OF EITHER MR. CHURCHILL OR PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT FOR SUCH AN EXTENDED TIME.

The man-in-the-street now accepts as a fact that the meeting is taking place—only held theory being that President Roosevelt, who never flies, has been speeded to the rendezvous in a warship which was met by a plane carrying Mr. Churchill.

Many, however, think that neither Mr. Churchill nor President Roosevelt would risk being caught in a surface vessel and it seems more likely that the President went to his summer home, which is actually across the border into Canada, where Mr. Churchill could proceed by plane in a matter of hours.

No Better Time

This would also avoid the political implication of the British Premier setting foot on United States soil, as he would still be in the Empire.

There is a fervent hope in many Washington quarters that the two will meet because it is felt nothing could be better at this time than a complete understanding established face to face between these two great world leaders who are combining to wipe Hitlerism off the map.—Reuter.

Europe it was decided on 8th September, 1939, to cancel the contract and the huts which by that time had been completed were taken over by Government to be used for other purposes.

ANTI-TOKYO FREEZING POLICY

Explanation By Anthony Eden

Real Meaning Of Regulations

IN A STATEMENT ON THE FAR EASTERN SITUATION IN THE WAR DEBATE YESTERDAY, MR. EDEN REFERRED TO THE FREEZING MEASURES RECENTLY INSTITUTED.

THINGS QUIET IN WEIHAIWEI

Summer vacationers who consider Weihaiwei the ideal resort to go to escape from the heat and grime of the city will find things peaceful in the northern port once they have landed, according to a letter received by a Shanghai resident from a holiday-maker there.

Visitors to Weihaiwei should have their cholera and smallpox vaccination certificates dated as nearly as possible to the time of departure, as new certificates are required every three months. Cameras and photographic equipment and accessories are taboo, being looked upon with disfavour by the authorities states the writer whose letter follows:—

"Conditions here are perfectly peaceful once you have landed, and, in fact, I had no trouble at all because I left all my baggage in the hands of the hotel servant and he did all the worrying with the Water Police of a certain nationality.

Perfunctory Search

"The excuse they make for tearing all the baggage to bits is that a well-known Shanghai gentleman accidentally left two guns in his trunk—so now they pounce on everybody and search men, women and children. Actually they did not search me because I walked through saying 'good-morning, good-morning, good-morning' to everyone concerned, which so shook them that they weakly replied 'good-morning' and let it go at that. Mrs. N. says that the three ladies in her party were searched—but I think it must be a very perfunctory affair, because nobody else has complained.

"If anybody asks you about the position here it is safe to say that the feeling with the Japanese authorities is very good: a senior officer of the landing-party has called round at the hotels and foreign houses and explained personally that the authorities want to make things as easy as possible for summer visitors, but they must be careful not to bring any firearms, not to photograph soldiers or any military or naval objects, not to carry binoculars outside your own premises, and not to use an electric torch outside your own garden at night.

Officer Most Polite

"Actually the articles on which the water police pounce are cameras and any fitting that go with them, binoculars, and electric torches: if they seize these (they did not happen to seize mine) you have to go to Headquarters and claim them personally. This causes some trouble, and gives them the chance to read the Riot Act mentioned above, before they return the things to you. I am told that the officer who called on the hotels etc., was most polite and can only repeat that once you are landed everything is just as peaceful as ever. I forgot that F.R.B. currency should be brought—you can pay your ship's bar account by cheque."

He said: "These freezing measures are not, as seems to be thought by some people, framed to permit transactions which are not expressly forbidden. On the contrary, they automatically forbid all transactions except those which are expressly permitted.

"I cannot disclose details of the manner in which this policy is going to be applied. It will be worked out throughout with the closest collaboration and the frankest discussions between the British Government here, the Dominions, India, Burma and the Colonies and the United States and Netherlands Governments.

"The two latter Governments have furnished with full particulars and comprehensive information of their attitude.

"The same collaboration is continuing regarding the application and operation of these measures.

"It was bound to take a little time to exchange views and information necessary for a common understanding on such a far-reaching experiment as the freezing orders represent, but the work is now practically complete.

"THESE STEPS WERE NOT LIGHTLY TAKEN. THE FREEZING ORDER WAS SERIOUSLY INTENDED AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY EXECUTED.

Thailand Position

"As to the position of Thailand, the British Government have not failed to note that Japanese newspapers have recently been using the same kind of language regarding Thailand as they employed before the Japanese demands for bases in Indo-China.

"For that reason, on July 31, His Majesty's Ambassador in Tokyo drew the attention of the Japanese Foreign Minister to this newspaper campaign, which alleged, among other things, that we are intriguing in Thailand, that British military preparations are threatening Japanese interests and that in consequence Thailand should, in her own interests, come to an early understanding with Japan, the power which controls Indo-China.

"Our Ambassador pointed out that this kind of thing could only mean that someone in authority in Japan was endeavouring to manufacture a case for Japanese intervention in Thai territory.

Formal Assurance

"He added that if a step of this kind were taken, coming on top of the recent action in Indo-China, it must inevitably give rise to a most serious situation between Great Britain and Japan.

"SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE THEN GAVE TO ADMIRAL TOYODA A MOST FORMAL ASSURANCE THAT ALL THESE REPORTS OF BRITISH AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS AGAINST THAILAND WERE, OF COURSE, UTTERLY BASELESS.

"The truth is that we have for over a century had friendly relations with Thailand.

"Our policy has no other object than to maintain those relations but it is no less true that any action which would threaten Thai independence and the integrity of Thailand (cheers) would be a matter of immediate concern to this country, most particularly as threatening the security of Singapore."

Mr. Eden added in serious tones: "I hope these words may yet be heeded."

Aid To China

Mr. Eden proceeded: "Let me add this about another country in

the Far East. There is no alliance, formal or informal, between this country and China but every fresh forward move on the part of Japan naturally has the result of bringing China and ourselves closer and closer together.

"The result is more intimate consultation.

"Take, for example, the Chinese Government immediately understanding the importance of the freezing order.

They themselves not only approved of the measure but asked it should be applied to China so that it might be more effective against Japan.

"That friendly collaboration with China will continue and, I pray, will grow. That friendship will continue to grow, independent of the Japanese attitude.

"But the point I make is that Japanese forward aggression invariably results in two friends who have no aggressive intentions getting closer and closer together."—Reuter.

Iraq Revolt Report

The report of the Iraqi Commission investigating the activities of the rebels during the recent revolt will be submitted to a military court shortly, it was learned in Baghdad yesterday.

The document is said to prove the guilt of Raschid Ali and his accomplices in instigating the unsuccessful revolt.—Reuter.

RECRUITMENT IN INDIA

"Popular response to the demand for general recruitment is immense and is undoubtedly the best testimony of the willing help we are getting in every district. In fact our embarrassment has been to disappoint many," observed the Commissioner of the Meerut Division addressing a war conference at Dehra Dun yesterday.—Reuter.

BRIG ARRIVES IN MANILA

The Hong Kong built 55-ton brigantine, "Our Lady of Peace" has arrived safely in Manila, after overhaul at Macao, according to private messages received in Hong Kong to-day.

SIMLA LANDSLIDE

One was killed and two seriously injured in a landslide in Simla following continuous heavy rain, says Reuter.

H.C.L. Inquiry Ordered

Official recognition of the rising cost of living is shown by the appointment, by His Excellency the Governor, of a Committee to "advise Government on the matter of a high cost of living allowance for dollar-paid officers, other than those who are drawing salaries not exceeding \$35 a month who have already obtained an allowance.

The Committee comprises: Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, M.C. (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Mr. Ng Chak-wing and Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, with Mrs. W. A. Jones as Secretary.

The first meeting of the Committee will take place to-day in the Puisne Judge's Chambers, Supreme Court.

All meetings will be private.

LORDS COMMITTEE BILL PASSES

The India and Burma (Postponement of Elections) Bill passed through the committee stage in the House of Lords yesterday without discussion and the committee stage was concluded, says Reuter from London.

BAN ON EXPORT OF MANGANESE

The Indian Government has banned the export of manganese ore to Japan, according to a report received by the N.Y.K. in Tokyo.

The ban follows a similar ban on the export of pig-iron to Japan.—Reuter.

WE MUST WIN ON LAND

Tank Chief's View

MAJOR-GEN. GIFFARD LE Q. MARTEL, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL ARMoured CORPS, SAID IN LONDON: "BOMBING ALONE WILL NEVER WIN THE WAR. BOMBING GERMANY CANNOT SUBJUGATE THE GERMANS ENTIRELY. HOWEVER HARD YOU BOMB THEM.

"The important clash in battles of the future must be between the armoured divisions. We have the advantage that we can mechanise the British Army to a greater extent than the Germans. We live on the land and we must beat them on the land.

"America will have to produce more and more tanks. I am very pleased with the type of tank that we are using now—but the experiments go on. What we want is the dual-purpose tank with great hitting power and speed."

SIX GIRLS FINED

Fines ranging from \$15 to \$25 were imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning on six Chinese girls, charged with unlawful boarding of a British ship in harbour yesterday. Four of the girls were found by the police on the bridge.

JUNK STABBING

Sustaining a stab wound in the abdomen, alleged to have been inflicted on board a junk off Shaikwan yesterday, Ching Leung, 26, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.



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The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$283.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of August, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	2870	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2870, Junction of Hing Wah Street and Shun Ning Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 15,000	\$208
						\$9,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$900.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	13	Sheung Shui Inland Lot No. 13, Kam Tsui	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 80,880	\$372
						\$3,235

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BRIDGE NOTES

INSULTING YOUR PARTNER By The Four Aces

There are ways of insulting your partner at the bridge table, even though you keep your voice low, your expression good-humoured, and your conversation pleasant and (outwardly) harmless. The easiest way to drive your partner into fits of gnashing his teeth is to indicate by your bidding that you consider him a prize nitwit. For example:

West, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♥ A 10 6 3
♦ 7 6 4
♣ J 8 3
♠ 6 5 2

WEST

♥ K 5 3
♦ 7 6 2
♣ K Q J 10
♠ 9 7 3

EAST

♥ Q J 5 2
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 10 9 5 4
♠ A

SOUTH

♥ K 9 8 7 4
♦ A Q 2
♣ A K Q
♠ 8 4

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
3♣ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass

South lost two hearts, two clubs, and a trump, going down two tricks for a penalty of 500 points. And North practically foamed at the mouth because of the way South's bidding had insulted him. North didn't give a hoot about 500 points—he'd been set before and expected to be set again, but he just couldn't stomach the way South disregarded the warningly weak bidding North had given him.

To begin with, North had passed over three clubs. Then, when South doubled for a takeout, North had simply shown trump support by bidding three spades. North would have been obliged to make the same bid with four trumps to the Jack instead of four to the Ace. And if North had held just the merest trifle more strength, either in high cards or in distributional value, he would have bid four spades over the double instead of only three spades. Actually North held about as much as could be expected in view of his two passes and simple return to spades.

And since North held a maximum, there couldn't possibly be any point to South's bid of four spades. That contract could be made only if North had grossly underbid his hand. So South's game bid was practically a statement that he didn't trust North to bid his hand properly.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable against non-vulnerable opponents, you held:

♥ 8 5 3
♦ A Q 7 3 2
♣ A 4 2
♠ 6 5

The bidding:
Schonken You Majer Jacoby
1♠ (?)

ANSWER: Pass. This illustrates a hand good enough for an opening bid (although a rather weak one) but not good enough for an overall. The hand can win only about four tricks, and is therefore not good enough for a bid which promises to win eight tricks. Score 100% for pass, 30% for double, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 788

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schonken You Majer Jacoby
1♠ Pass Pass Dbl.
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

WINDING UP IN FINLAND

The Foreign Secretary made a statement on Anglo-Finnish relations in the Commons yesterday afternoon.

He reminded the House that Britain had announced as recently as July 22 their decision to maintain diplomatic relations with the Finnish Government.

"On August 1 the Finnish Minister called to inform me that his Government had decided to recall him and to suspend for the time being the activities of the Finnish Legation in London.

"The British Government deeply regret that the Finnish Government, acting no doubt under German pressure, have seen fit thus to take the initiative in breaking off diplomatic relations.

"Most of the British subjects who wished to leave Finland, including the majority of those who offered their services to the Finnish Government at the time of the Soviet-Finnish War, had left Finland for Sweden before relations were severed.

"Arrangements are under discussion with the Finnish Government for the return of H.M. Minister and his staff to this country.

"The United States Minister at Helsinki has assumed charge of British interests in Finland, including the interests of those British subjects who have elected to remain. The Finnish Minister has given me an assurance that the Finnish Government regard themselves as in honour bound to provide for the British volunteers."—British Wireless.

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The Army School of Cookery at Aldershot is the parent unit of the corps. A pool of cooks, which will be replenished from recruits, and from qualified cooks who are surplus in regimental units, will meet all demands for kitchen personnel.

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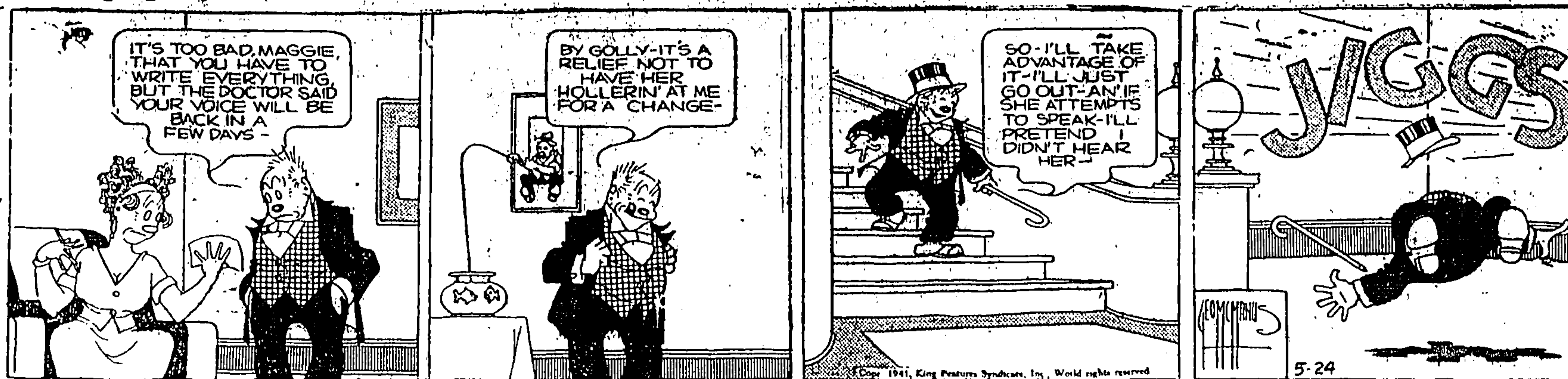
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Keep Hair Lustrous

You do not want to be numbered among the girls and women who discover, come September, that their hair has been neglected beyond reconditioning. That can happen if you do not take certain simple precautions during summer playtime.

Unless your hair is unusually oily it should never be exposed to hot, direct sun rays longer than fifteen minutes. And during that time the hair should be parted about every two minutes so all the scalp will benefit by the rays. The rest of the time keep your head covered with a hat, turban, kerchief or towel.

If you insist upon playing tennis, or any other game, without covering your head then you should anoint the scalp with a lubricating oil or salve, and brush a protective pomade or cream on the length of the hair. Thus your tresses will not be scorched or bleached.

The girl who swims every day has two things to remember—to wear a suction-tight bathing cap and to give her hair a hot oil treatment every two weeks. If through neglect her hair does get wet she should rinse it after her bath with fresh water. Otherwise her hair will lack lustre and her scalp will be unclean.



The occasional luncheon date in town calls for a pretty halo. This beauty brushes a few stray hairs in place with her liquid clear plastic brush.

Added Precaution

As swimming is the major sport for summer let me again suggest taking the added precaution to keep hair dry by winding a band of chamois about the head before slipping on the suction-rimmed bathing cap. The chamois repels the water. Take time to put your cap on according to the directions which come with it—if you slip it on haphazardly you can expect water to creep under it.

Keep Pretty

I for one, lament the habit of younger girls going about with dull, stringy hair all summer. That is not chic, pretty or dainty! Summer is the time when your hair should look its loveliest—fresh and shiny and casually dressed. Keep yours that way. Pin in a nice fresh flower or other gay ornament to point up your gown or play clothes. Be

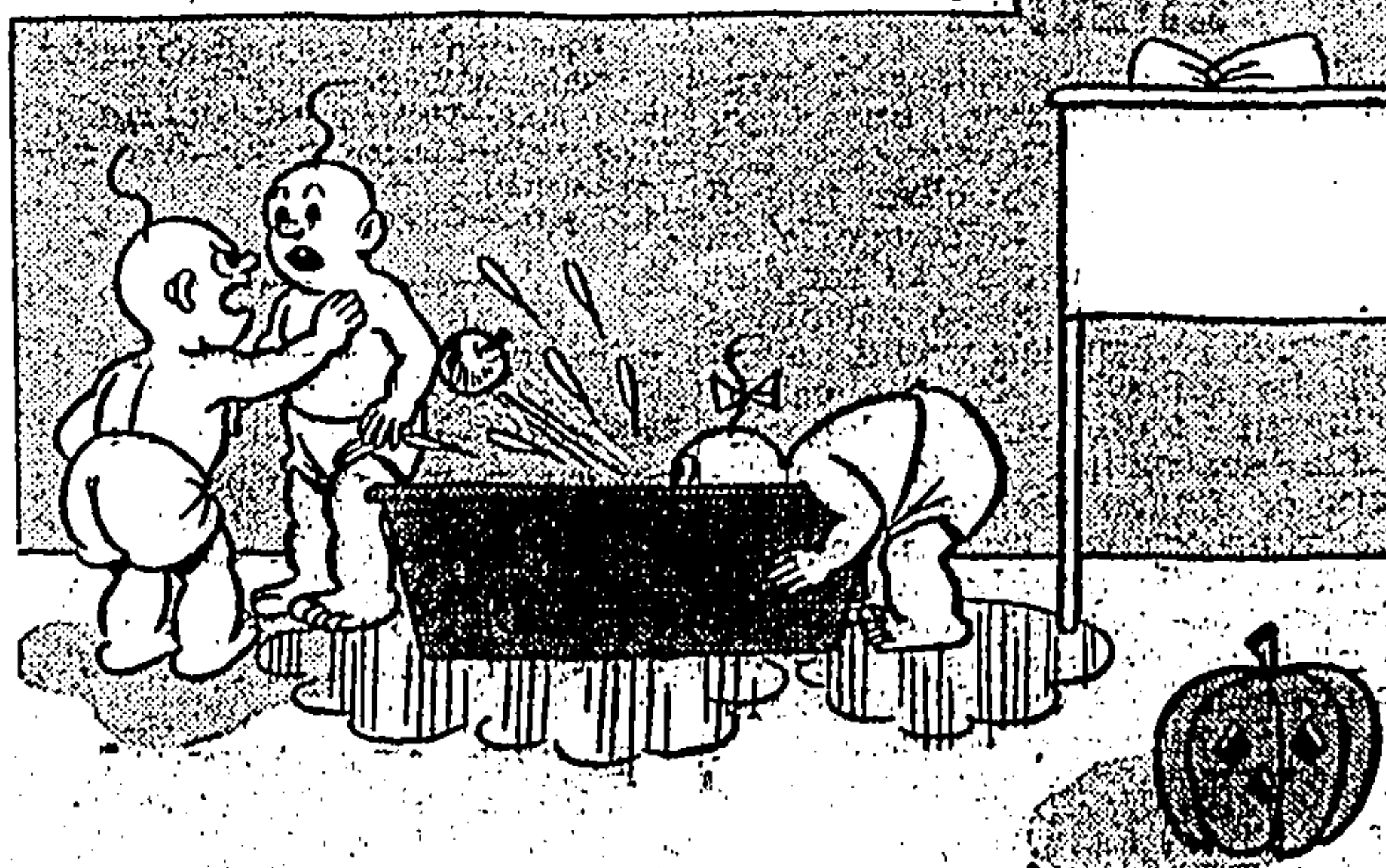
as pretty as you can. If you simply cannot bear to sit under a beauty parlour dryer for a setting, learn how to pin up your hair in small pin curls or even roll it in rags to give it body and softness. If it is clean, remember it will be ruly. If it is unclean it will mark you as a very indifferent beauty.

Fortunately this summer's hairdos are most casual—the trick is to get heavy hot hair up. Don't have it hanging about your neck. With the aid of a pair of combs, a few bobbies or barrets to match your hair, ingenious things can be done to make your hair a most attractive feature during summer!

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

"The Three Bares"



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1941, The Register

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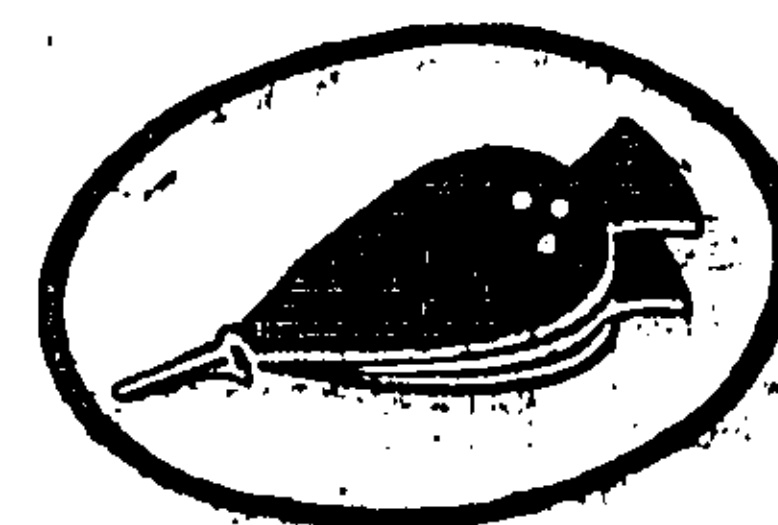
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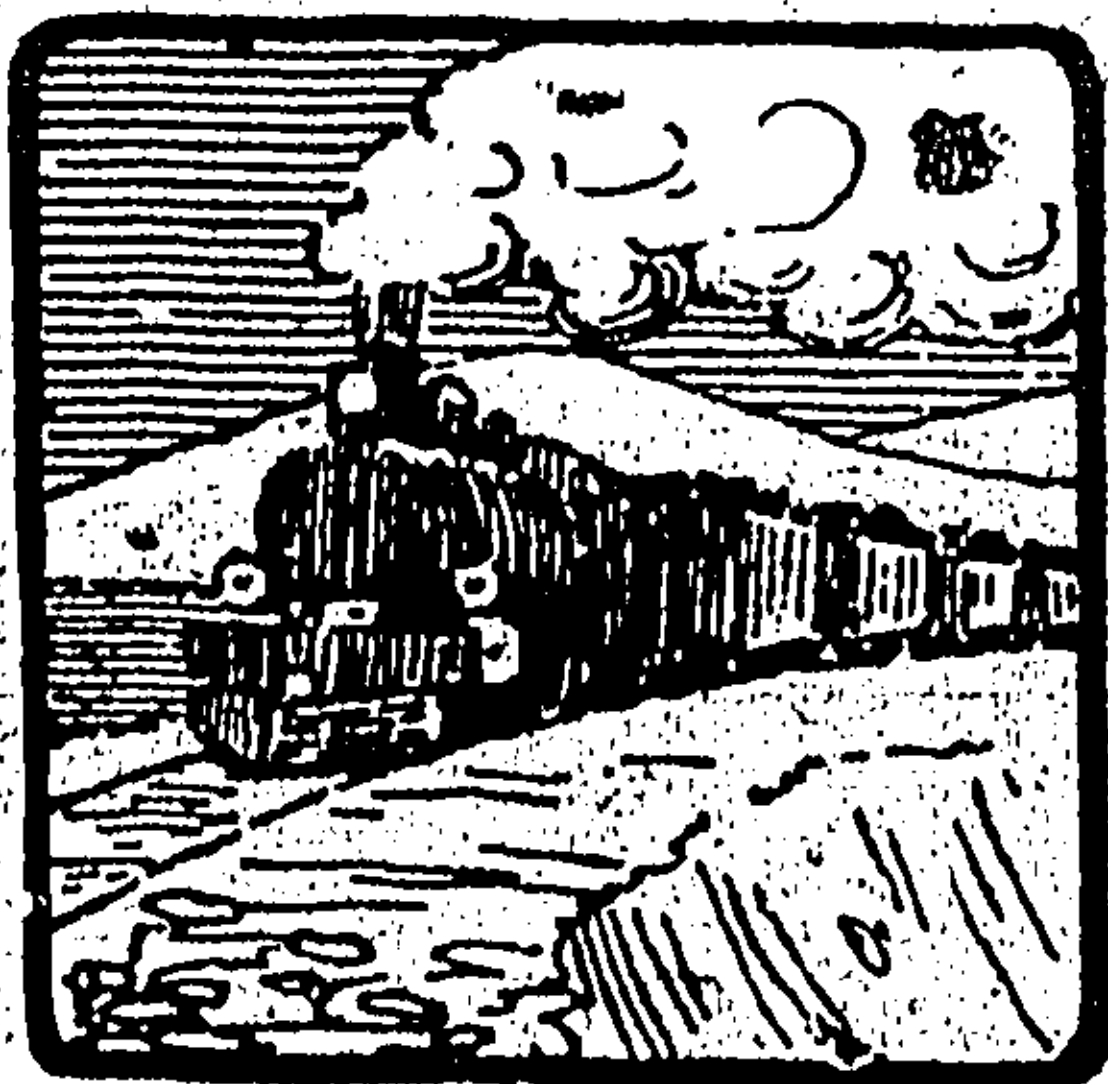
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Even though there are so many appeals to the charitable, perhaps there may be one or several people who would donate this sum of \$3,500 for the refugee and destitute poor of the Colony. The condition of some of these people is lamentable, and with the increased prices of foodstuffs, the daily meals given at the four Food Kitchens is often the only nourishment these persons get.

The estimated yearly cost of the Food Kitchens was \$30,000. Towards this, the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China donated \$10,000. Lady Pollock collected \$10,700 and with this present donation and promise of a further sum, an amount of \$3,500 is still to be collected.

Donations should be sent to the "South China Morning Post," and marked "Food Kitchens."

TERRIFIC LOSSES

Terrific losses in the Battle of Smolensk are now admitted in German reports on the operations the Eastern Front.

"There are no prisoners—only dead and wounded," according to a German broadcast announcer.

Meanwhile, the German excuse offered for their failure to obtain the Ukraine wheat harvest is a shortage of man-power and a dearth of tractors. The most impressive fact—that so far the Germans only control a very small part of the Ukraine—is conveniently passed over without mention.—Special Cable.

CHUNGKING VIEWS

Observers in Chungking believe that a Pacific war is inevitable in view of the steady deterioration of the Far Eastern situation following the freezing of Japanese assets.

They suggest there is a high possibility of a Japanese southward push in September and a Japanese northward push next Spring.

They point out that the present Konoye Cabinet describes itself as a War Cabinet and holds all important conferences in the Imperial Palace.—Central News.

INDEPENDENCE OF ETHIOPIA

The Foreign Secretary informed a Parliamentary questioner that the British Government had made it abundantly clear that it is their intention to recognise an independent Ethiopia as soon as the military situation permitted and such recognition would naturally be followed by the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The evacuation of large numbers of Italian civilians was already proceeding but as negotiations on the subject were in progress he was not at present in a position to give any further information.—British Wireless.

TIMPERLEY ON CHINA

There is every desire on the part of China to cooperate with the British should hostilities break out in the Far East, declared Mr. H. J. Timperley, adviser to the Central Publicity Board of China, who is in Singapore on the way to London after a visit to Chungking. Mr. Timperley added China realised the importance of taking every opportunity of improving and strengthening contacts with Malaya and India.—Reuter.

R.A.F. MEN CALL FLYING FORTRESS FINEST BOMBER

(By CAREY LONGMIRE)

PILOTS WHO HAVE TESTED the Royal Air Force's new Boeing flying fortresses, the giant, long-distance bombers that form the United States's biggest contribution to Great Britain's air power thus far, said: "We think this the finest four-motored bomber there is."

Twenty flying fortresses of the Boeing B-17 type are in Britain after flying the Atlantic in about seven hours each. The British Ministry of Aircraft Production put in that particular order months ago. It hopes for (one word censored) more fortresses "just as soon as they can be put together," in the words of a ministry representative.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—The London Piano Accordion Band and Elsie Carlisle (Vocal). Don't Dingle Dangle On The Old Garden Wall (Butler & others); The Vamp of Havana (Gilbert & Sullivan); The London Piano Accordion Band.

Elsie Carlisle Medley—Intro: Gentle, the Girl with the Gong; Home, James, and Don't Spare the Horses; No, No, a Thousand Times No; Dirty Hands, Dirty Face; Little Chap with Big Ideas; Little Man, You've Had A Busy Day.... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra. (Noel & Little Patchy Trouser (Noel & Little Patchy); They Would Wind Him Up And He Would Whistle (Kaimar, Ruby); The London Piano Accordion Band.

Grandma Said (Magidson—Wrubel). Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra. The White Cliffs of Dover (Leon & Towers); Log Cabin Lullaby (S. & H. Byrne & Schuster). The London Piano Accordion Band.

7.17 p.m.—Rawicz and Landauer (Two Pianos). The Great Waltz—Selection: Roses In December (from film "Life of the Party"—Jessel); Rosalie (from film "Rosalie"—Cole Porter).

7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Half an Hour with Johann Strauss.

Waldmeister—Overture.... Grand Symphony Orchestra; Le Beau Danube Bleu.... Liv Pons (Sop.) with Orchestra; Trisch, Tratsch, Polka.... Orchestra Raymond; Morgenblätter (Morning Papers) Vocal Waltz.... B.B.C. Wireless Chorus and Orchestra; The Gipsy Baron—Selection.... George Boulanger & his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present". A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Alfredo and His Orchestra. Tell Me Again (Grosz); Russian Gipsy Sketch (A. Ferraris); Serenade In The Night (Kennedy & others); I Once Had A Heart, Margarita (Connor & others).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. Siesta (W. Walton).... The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by William Walton.

10.20 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida"—Act 1.
11.00 p.m.—London Relay—War Correspondents.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

JAPANESE PULLING OUT?

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE JAPANESE TROOPS IN CENTRAL CHINA ARE MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR LARGE-SCALE WITHDRAWALS, SAYS A SHANGHAI DISPATCH TO THE "TA KUNG PAO."

Recently the Japanese ordered the suspension of construction on military roads and military establishments in central China.

The Japanese have also ordered the puppet government to tighten the so-called "pacification campaign" in an attempt to "mop up" the Chinese guerrillas. Their scheme is to have puppet troops garrison places which they will evacuate.—Central News.

The new ones to be added to Britain's home fleet of four-motored heavy bombers. Stirlings and Halifaxes, will be of a considerably later flying fortress type, the B-172. A second American bomber, the Consolidated Liberator, is already (three words censored).

"Bombsight A Marvel"

Whether any flying fortresses have yet been in action is a well kept secret. Pilots who talked to this correspondent and other newspaper men on a visit to this assembly station made it plain that tests showed the Boeing a highly efficient bomber.

"That Sperry-bombsight is a marvel," said one pilot. "We think it is more accurate than anything else we've ever seen." Equipped by the British for a seven-man crew, whereas nine men are sometimes carried by the fortresses in the United States, the plane has a range of 2,450 miles at a cruising speed of 220 miles an hour. From bases in England it could fly to virtually any sector of the Nazi-held Continent, even as far as Bucharest or Sofia, drop its bombs and return. Depending on the distance to be covered, it can carry up to eight tons of bombs—enough to raze an entire munitions factory. Pilots also were enthusiastic over its being "highly manoeuvrable."

What makes the R.A.F. appreciate the flying fortress so greatly, however, is an exclusively American device called the turbo supercharger. This enables it to fly 305 miles an hour at 25,000-foot levels, considerably faster than any other long-range bomber at that height. The plane also turns in an exceptional performance as high as 36,000 feet.

Height Adds To Safety

Since few fighter planes operate at speeds greater than the Boeing in the sub-stratosphere the R.A.F. is confident that Nazi fighters will have little success in overtaking flying fortresses, and shooting them down. (Sentence censored.) Experts agree the air war will be won by the force which can get its planes to the highest altitude to fight, some holding that the most deadly air combats will soon take place at between 30,000 and 40,000 feet.

The flying fortresses reached Britain completely equipped with seven guns "and with bullets in them," the Air Ministry representative said. Pilots particularly liked the de-icers, which, in winter operations, will be invaluable.

At the same big air station scores of other American planes of four-motored types were being made ready for action by several hundred workers, many women. The other American aircraft were the Glenn Martin Maryland, the Douglas DB-7, the Vought-Sikorsky Chesapeake dive-bomber, and the Consolidated Liberator. One big workshop has just gone into operation for the handling of American-built Allison liquid-cooled motors, such as those used in the American Curtiss Tomahawk fighters, now being received here and in the Middle East in quantity. Maj. Carl Brandt, chief Boeing test pilot, reached Britain with the first flying fortresses to explain their operation.

The action of three American firms, Boeing, Douglas and Ford, in collaborating on flying fortress production on a mass production scale and setting up new plants in the Southwest for the job was "the finest gesture for Britain in history," a Ministry of Aircraft Production spokesman asserted.

PAIRS & RINKS LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONS STILL UNDEFEATED

FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WHEN THREE MATCHES WERE PLAYED YESTERDAY, RESULTING IN WINS FOR THE RINKS CHAMPIONS, UNDER C. S. ROSSELET, AND FOR H. A. ALVES AND F. V. V. RIBEIRO, PAIRS CHAMPIONS FOR THE LAST TWO SEASONS.

INTRA-CLUB BOWLS COMPETITIONS

Following are the latest intra-club lawn bowls competition results:

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Senior Club Singles
First Round:—W. Ward beat M. J. Medina, C. W. Lam beat S. Leonard, 21-15.
Junior Club Singles
First Round:—C. W. Lam beat J. K. Pavri, Second Round:—G. S. Ladd beat S. Leonard, W. F. Broadbridge beat L. Sul-wing.

Hong Kong F.C.

Club Singles
First Round:—A. W. Hircok beat J. Hempsey.
Pairs
First Round:—A. B. Coleman and J. A. R. Selby beat F. P. Anslow and H. G. Wallington; K. Forrow and K. S. Robertson beat J. Hempsey and R. P. Shaw.

Kowloon C.C.

Club Championship
Third Round:—N. A. E. Mackay beat L. Jack; E. C. Fincher beat S. A. Gray; W. W. Parsons beat A. Madar; R. S. Meadows beat T. A. Broadbridge; T. A. Madar beat A. W. Ramsey.
Handicap Singles
Second Round:—A. W. Ramsey (1) beat L. Jack (1); W. M. Gittins (4) received a walk-over from H. Broken-shire (1); N. A. E. Mackay (2) beat J. W. Burman (1).
Handicap Doubles
Second Round:—R. S. Capell and N. D. Lloyd beat A. Bone and B. G. Baker.
Third Round:—R. Leigh and W. Meadows beat D. Hung and H. Overy.

ANSARI HOPES TO GET IN MORE CRICKET

Lieut. M. A. Ansari, 5/7 Rajput Regiment, who kept wicket for Army "B" in a few League cricket matches last year, has decided that, duties permitting, he will play much more cricket this year than he had done for a long time. Prior to joining Royal Military Academy in India, Lieut. Ansari played a great deal of cricket for Osmania University, Hyderabad, and it was while there, in 1934-35, that he received coaching from "Bill" Hitch, former England and Surrey cricketer. Ansari's trouble for the last six years had been the fact that he could get little or no "nets" during all that time, but he is hopeful of overcoming that obstacle this Winter. His other game is hockey, but here, too, the exigencies of the Service left him with very little time for practice.

Two matches in the basketball league were played at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night. South China beat Ping Ching, 38-31, and National University beat Yu Leung, 39-31.

The British Wightman Cup girls Valerie Scott and Nina Brown lost the opening round of the Women's Invitation Tennis Tournament at Easthampton on July 29. Shirley Patton of California defeated Miss Scott 6-0, 6-2, while Hope Knowles of Philadelphia won 6-1, 6-2 against Miss Brown.

Six "Big Ten" players, two from the south, two from the east and one from the far west, led Tuesday college all-star football team which on the final day of balloting for the College All-Star football team which will play the professional champion Chicago Bears, in a charity game in Chicago on August 28. Half-back Tommy Harmon of Michigan topped the field with 999,114 votes and Augie Lio, Georgetown guard, was second with 934,282.

G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle narrowly defeated H. Gittins and W. J. Howard by two shots in the second round of the Open Pairs competition. The game between H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro and J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez was a Third Round match, which should have been played to-day, but the game was brought forward as the competitors will be engaged on Volunteer duties this afternoon. At Club de Recreio, G. E. F. Thompson and E. V. Searle beat H. Gittins and W. J. Howard in Second Round of the Open Pairs championship by 17-15. At the sixth Gittins and Howard were leading 5-2 but the Bowling Green Club pair had 2 2 1 2 to lead 9-5 at the 10th. Gittins and Howard then scored four singles at the next five heads to be led by only 10-9. Thompson and Searle with 3 2 0 2 then took the lead to 17-10 at the 18th. A four at the 20th gave the Kowloon Tong pair a chance but they could only get a single at the last head to lose by two shots after scoring at 11 ends. E.V.S.: 1001002212010003 20200 W.J.H.: 0110210000101110 01041

Champions Win

H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, Open Pairs champions for the past two seasons, advanced another stage in the competition when, at Club de Recreio, they beat their club mates J. R. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez by 27-20 in the Third Round. Two fours at the 6th and 7th ends followed by a two gave the champions at 13-2 lead at the 8th. With the aid of a six at the 15th, Alves and Ribeiro led 21-9. At the 20th they led 27-14 but Remedios and Gutierrez scored a six at the last to lose by seven shots. Alves and Ribeiro scored at 11 ends. F.V.V.R.: 1010104420002006 010410 L.A.G.: 010100001120120 302006

Champion Rink Win

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, C. S. Rosselet's champion rink (R. Basa, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt) qualified for the Quarter Finals of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rink championship when they beat the Strange brothers by 22-15. Starting with a burst of 1141110 15 the champions led 14-3 at the 8th. By the 11th the losers had reduced the lead to 14-7 and at the 20th were only 19-15 in arrears but they failed to score at the last two ends to lose by seven shots. Rosselet scored at 13 ends. R. Basa E. L. Strange A. E. Coates S. H. Strange J. S. Landolt C. H. Strange C.S. Rosselet (s) 22 H.E. Strange (s) 15

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following are the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship Third Round games to be played to-day, though it is likely that some games will be postponed, owing to Volunteer duties: At Kowloon C.C. C. M. da Silva and F. X. Soares v. H. R. Pinna and B. Basto. At Club de Recreio T. A. Madar and A. E. P. Guest v. A. Eastman and W. C. Simpson. At Police H.C. D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt v. W. McNeill and P. A. Peckham. A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. J. McCutcheon and G. Cowland. At Kowloon B.G.C. J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison v. C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios. E. G. Post and W. Cameron v. C. R. Pereira and F. X. M. da Silva. At Kowloon F.C. A. M. Holthid and K. C. Hamilton v. A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Second Round). A. G. Gardner, H.K. Electric skip, who played for Electric in Third Division of the Football League in the 1939-40 season as centre-forward, has signed forms for Hong Kong Football Club this season. Gardner is a useful out-and-right and may secure a place in Club's senior eleven.



The umpire calls Moore, U.S.B. Mindanab, safe with Chung Hwa hindanatcher Bill Chang looking back to see if any useful purpose would be served by relaying the ball to second. Mindanab won Saturday's tilt by a 14 to 1 tally.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S CADDY REPORT SYSTEM PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Kowloon Golf Club's annual general meeting has been fixed for August 27, and it is expected that the chairman will have a very satisfactory report to place before members.

CLUB RUGBY OFFICIALS NOMINATED

At a meeting of Rugby Section of Hong Kong Football Club last night the following were nominated for election at to-morrow's annual general meeting: Captain:—A. M. Kennedy. Vice-captain:—J. C. Charter. Committee:—A. M. Kennedy, J. C. Charter, J. Redman (hon. secretary) and J. A. R. Selby. Selection Committee:—A. M. Kennedy, J. C. Charter, J. Redman, J. A. R. Selby and C. F. Needham.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams: C.C.C. v. K.I.T.C. P.O.R.C. (1) v. S.C.A.A. J.R.C. v. F.C. C.B.A. v. P.O.R.C. (2) I.R.C. v. C.R.C. J.R.C. v. B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell. Philippine Club:—K. K. Ip and B. Poon; T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. Souza. C.C.C.—K. M. Au and J. Wong; Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; N. Leonard and T. C. Yu. I.R.C.—U. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Sufiad; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. I. Razack. S.C.A.A.—Y. K. Ng and K. T. Chan; K. C. Slet and C. M. Tsang; P. Y. Kwok and S. L. Chung. K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and S. Ramchand.

ARMY TENNIS RESULTS

Royal Scots scored another victory in "B" Division of Army Tennis League, when they beat Royal Engineers, by three points to all at Sookunpoo yesterday. Following were scores:—Alsey and Glasgow (R.S.) beat Kehoe and Hawkins, 6-2, 6-3. Downing and Ross (R.S.) beat Spencer and Tropp, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Octon and Gilroy (R.S.) beat Birchall and Smith, 6-1, 6-2.

Standings To Date

"B" DIVISION		
W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	21	20 1 33
R.A.O.C.	21	10 15 18
24th Battery	12	12 0 12
24th Battery	24	12 12 12
30th Battery	15	10 5 10
5th A.A.	15	8 7 8
Royal Signals	21	8 13 8
Royal Engineers	15	7 8 7
Middlesex	15	5 10 0
R.A.S.C. "A"	12	4 8 4
R.A.M.C. "B"	9	4 5 3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3 3 3
95th Battery	15	3 15 3
R.A.P.C.	21	3 15 3
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2 7 2

BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB ARE MAKING A FEW CHANGES IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION TEAM FOR THEIR MATCH AGAINST KOWLOON TONG ON THE LATTER'S GREEN ON SATURDAY. Gill will have Bickford and Gratton as his first two men in place of A. B. Coleman and J. D. Thomson, the latter going No. 3 to Macfarlane in place of Needham. Robertson's four remain unchanged. Only one of their Third Division rinks remains the same as last week for their match against Police this Saturday. In Mansell's four, Pearce, No. 1 last week, will be No. 2 this time, and Coleman, lead to Gill in Second Division last Saturday, is coming into the rink as lead. Anslow replaces Forrow as lead to Graver, as the latter moves to No. 3 position in the same rink. Ralston's four is not changed.

Electric Reshuffle

Hong Kong Electric R.C. are making a number of changes for their match this Saturday against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, not one of the rinks that played last week remaining intact, while one of the skips playing then will play in one of the No. 3 positions, with the other not playing this time. Lunny, who skipped Baker, Crawford and Owens last week, will have a rink comprising Stoker, Gahagan and Butler this time. The last named had a rink (Stonehouse, Roscoe and Barron) of his own last week. His place as skip will be taken by Paul, who will have Owens, Groome and Macfarlane as his front men. Gardner, who led a rink comprising Gregory, Groome and Macfarlane last week, does not figure in the team this Saturday, and the third rink will be Barron, Gregory, Deacon and Sloan.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams: HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB Second Division (v Kowloon Tong, away):—B. I. Bickford, A. G. Gratton, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. H. Gelling, J. D. Thomson and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brookbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. MacAlpine. Third Division (v Police R.C., home):—A. B. Coleman, T. H. Pearce, G. E. Stephens and B. A. Mansell (skip); F. P. Anslow, J. M. Thomson, K. W. Forrow and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip). ELECTRIC R.C. Third Division (v Kowloon B.G.C., away):—R. A. Owens, E. L. Groome, W. E. Macfarlane, A. F. Paul (skip); J. F. Barron, R. F. Gregory, S. Deacon, J. K. Sloan (skip); W. Stoker, C. E. Gahagan, R. C. Butler, J. F. Lunny (skip).

Sgt. M. Minihan, R.A.S.C. first class Army football referee, who did not officiate last season, is now in the Straits Settlements and will be refereeing again.

Freddie Cochrane won the world's welterweight championship from Fritz Zivic on a points decision on July 28 at Newark, N.J. Although the fifteen-round bout was extremely close, the referee awarded the decision to Cochrane, resulting in tumultuous applause from the 10,000 spectators.

NEW CRICKET TALENT

By "Incog"

BUT FOR THE FACT THAT THEIR IRREGULAR HOURS OF DUTIES WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO TURN OUT WITH ANY SORT OF REGULARITY FOR SPORT, ROBERT BURN AND LIAL COLBERT, TWO NEW MEMBERS OF ROYAL NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE, SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE NAMES FOR THEMSELVES IN HONG KONG CRICKET.

Both are from Sydney, Australia, and both have had considerable experience in club cricket in their respective homes. Burn was one of the leading batsmen of the Belmore Technical School team, and though he does not lay claims to any three-figure scores, he has done consistently well with the bat. Burn says he will try and get a few games here, but doubts very much whether he will be able to play every week owing to the nature of his duties. Colbert, it is reported, is a very useful bowler of the spin variety.

SATURDAY'S AQUATIC TEAMS

Everything is now complete for the Grand charity swimming gala on Saturday between Combined Chinese Club and Combined Victoria Recreation Club and Y.M.C.A.

A glance at the list of participants will show that some excellent sport is assured as the cream of the Colony's aquatic stars will be on view.

Following are the events and teams:—

Ladies' 150 Yards Medley Relay:
Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying (back-stroke), Miss Li Po-luen (breast-stroke), Miss Ho Wai-king (free-style).
V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Celeste Guterres (back-stroke), Vivienne Churn (breast-stroke), Miss Jacqueline Anderson (free-style).

Men's 100 Yards free-style:
Chinese Clubs:—Wong Siu-lun and Tsui Hang.
V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—David Hutchinson and Lionel Roza-Perelra.

Ladies' 50 Yards free-style Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Boys' 50 Yards breast-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Ladies' 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king, Miss Ko Mui-ling, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan and Miss Lo Tak-ching.

Reserves:—Miss Chang Oi-lin and Miss Sun Put.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres, Miss Irene Lopes, Miss Myra Noronha and Miss Eileen Grant.

Reserves:—Miss Yvonne Yolle and Miss Jeannette Yolle.

Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:
Chinese Clubs:—Pun Wing-kai (back-stroke), Ng Nin (breast-stroke), Tsui Hang (free-style).

Reserves:—Lau Iu-ting, Wong Sau-san, Fung Wai-cheung and Wong Ching-ung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—A. K. Humjahn (back-stroke), David Hutchinson (breast-stroke), Noel Hammond (free-style).

Reserves:—W. Lawrence, Luiz M. Remedios, L. Roza-Perelra and T. Lopes.

Comedy Act.

Men's 50 Yards back-stroke Handicap (V.R.C. Members only).

Men's 300 Yards free-style Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung, Wong Siu-lun, Ng Chun-man and Shek Kam-pui.

Reserves:—Wong Sau-san, Tsang Cheung-ming and Lo Yuk-wing.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—D. Hutchinson, W. Lawrence, N. Hammond, G. Saunders, E. F. Paul and B. S. Wilson.

Reserves:—A. K. Humjahn, L. A. Benn and L. Roza-Perelra.

Diving Exhibition:

Chinese Clubs:—Wong King-woon, Koo Ka-kui and Lam Ka-tung.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—L. Roza-Perelra, Ed. da Roza and G. Saunders.

400 Yards free-style Mixed Relay:

Chinese Clubs:—Miss Sa Wai-ying, Miss Ng Po-hing, Miss Ho Wai-king and Miss Ko Mui-ling; Ng Nin, Tsui Hang, Wong Chi-hung and Wong Siu-lun.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—Miss Vivienne Churn, Miss Jacqueline Anderson, Miss Celeste Guterres and Miss Irene Lopes; David Hutchinson, N. Hammond, W. Lawrence and G. Saunders.

Water Polo:

Chinese team:—Woo Cho-kin, Po King-fook, Kwok Fung-sun, Pun Ping-man, Lee Kay-veung, Harold Winglee, Chan Lul-pik, Chan Lut-ki, Chui Chuk-yau, Chan Sik-pui and Leung Chun-wah.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A.:—M. M. de V. Soares, L. A. Benn, J. Smith, T. Jennings, A. Hussain, W. B. Ure, A. Hunt, W. Lawrence, E. F. Paul, P. B. Wilson and N. Hammond.

THIRD C.B.C. AQUATIC GALA

Chinese Bathing Club will hold their third swimming gala of the season at North Point on Saturday, August 16, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is as follows:—

Ladies' 150 Metres Medley Relay (Open to the Colony).

Men's 100 Metres free-style.

Junior 50 Metres free-style Handicap.

Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke.

Men's 100 Metres free-style Handicap.

Diving.

Children's 100 Metres breast-stroke.

Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Handicap.

Pinch Fight.

TO-DAY'S GALA

Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, will hold their annual Swimming gala in the Victoria Recreation Club pool this afternoon from 2 p.m. till 6 p.m., at the conclusion of which Mrs. F. B. Minnick will present the prizes.

The swimming gala between the Ching Wing Swimming Union, a section of Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Chinese Bathing Club, which was arranged for yesterday at Bridges Street, was postponed as C.B.C. found some difficulty in raising a team.

FOOTBALL PREPARATIONS WELL IN HAND

Things are stirring in the local football world.

The new council of Football Association have had their first meeting.

The various committees have held meetings to discuss such preliminary work as is necessary to ensure that the new season will start auspiciously.

The fixtures list has been drawn up and will be submitted at the next council meeting.

Junior Civilian clubs are holding a meeting to-morrow, when Mr. H. Beard, chairman of the Referees' Association, will give a talk on "Behaviour on the football field".

Clubs are now busy looking over talent they have for the coming season.

The average footballer, however, has given little thought to the sport, the majority holding that it is too warm to think about soccer yet.

Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, who hold no meetings during the close season, keep in touch with their members by a series of monthly circulars, in which the outstanding news in the soccer world at home and here are mentioned.

This month's circular, edited by S/Sgt. Foster, Army First Division Referee, and a member of the Council of Army Referees' Association, contains a great deal of interesting information to local referees.

Among items in the circular are reminders to referees about personal kit and registration, making special mention of Service referees, who have to affiliate to their respective associations before their applications can be accepted by Hong Kong Football Association.

An earnest exhortation is made to all referees and linesmen to get into physical condition before the soccer season commences, and it is pointed out that it is the duty of all officials to be as fit as the best soccer player at all times, but more particularly at the commencement of the season.

Mr. Foster touches on a very important point in his circular about the fulfilment of appointments. He maintains it is the duty of every referee or linesman who finds that he is unable at the last moment to officiate at a game he

has accepted to inform the Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Football Association, as soon as possible and, if he cannot be contacted, another referee should be communicated with and asked to take charge of the game. This, Mr. Foster stresses, is more preferable to letting the teams depend on someone in the crowd to officiate.

This is what Mr. Foster has to say on the very much debated point among referees "Should a referee, while officiating at a game, have the whistle in his mouth or in his hand?"

"I have been asked by military members, as the Military representative of Referees' Association, to pass my own opinion on this point. No doubt they think me or know that I am one of the many 'Whistle in the mouth persons'. Well I am and as my opinion has been asked for I can but give it.

"Now I don't want to alter anybody's opinion or offer any advice, but as so much has been said about this subject and against it I have just one or two remarks to make. As an Army referee, trained in the Army, naturally I should adopt their method. I know it is not taught everywhere in the Army, but at the headquarters of all Army referees during my time it was. It was termed then as 'with the linesman', providing both were up with the play and saw the incident. It was far better

to hear and see both officials signal together. It wasn't a case of one being behind, thereby causing the usual means of not sure until the linesman saw it. From my experience as a player in good football there is nothing more annoying than to hear a referee's whistle go when there does not appear to be anything wrong and then to see him call for the ball and give a decision for something that has passed some distance away. It also disturbs the play and the players. Now football is a fast game and its speed increases, it doesn't take long for a ball to travel distance.

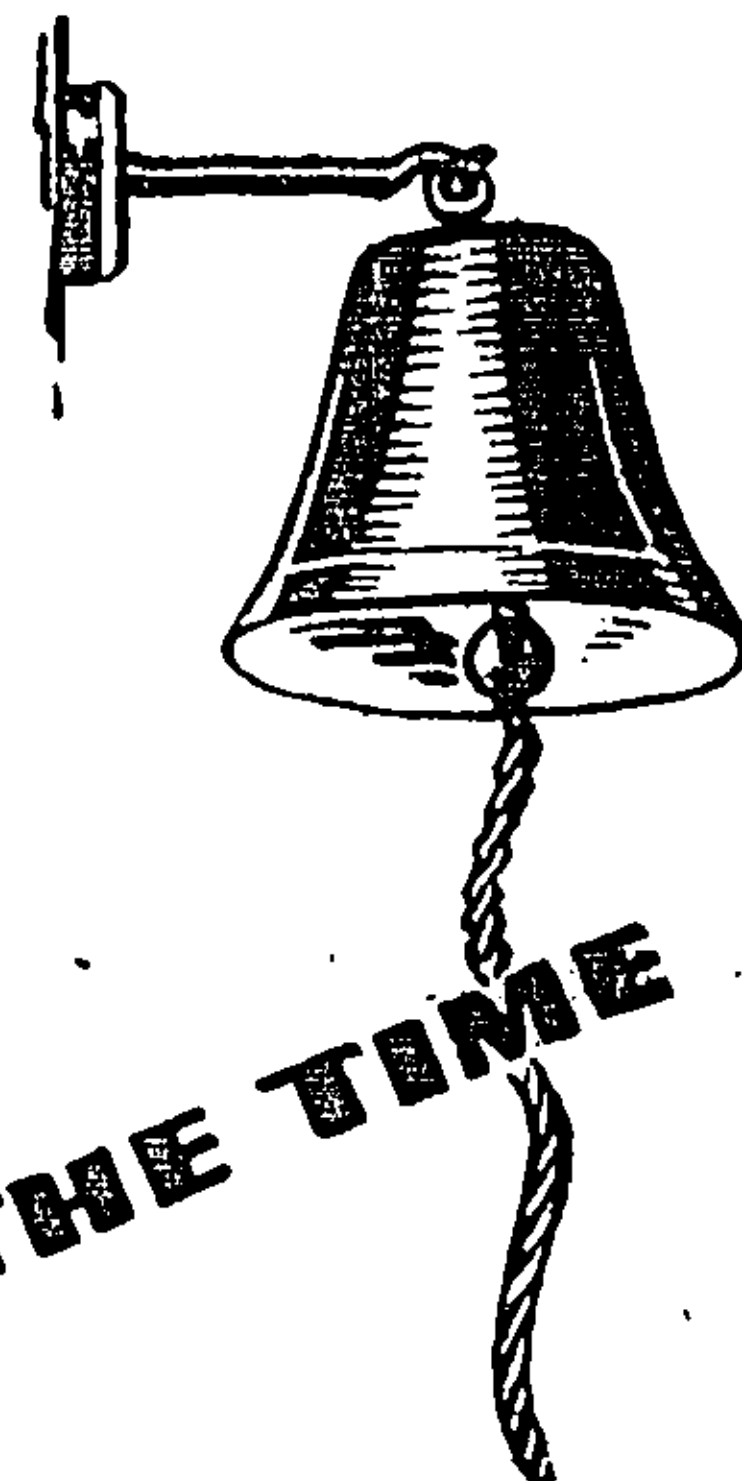
"The only thing I have heard against it is, by keeping the whistle in the mouth, one is apt to give a hasty decision whereby by thinking one would not. The distance travelled by the hand to mouth, takes time. Why the play wait for that? My answer is No!

"Individuals can, I know, carry the whistle in the mouth all afternoon and still not blow it, and does it mean that because one does adopt that method he is liable to blow? My advice is if you cannot hold a whistle in the mouth without blowing it hastily, don't do it.

"This is just a matter of opinion and no more. I do it myself and shall continue to do so unless a law is adopted to prevent it."



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Large-Scale Operations By Royal Air Force

Berlin, Azores & Brazil

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The keenest interest is displayed in Berlin at reports that the United States has proposed that Brazil take over the Azores.

The Nazi spokesman said: "We do not believe Brazil harbours aspirations in the Azores. We rather think President Roosevelt, attempting to gain bases, is casting an eye on a strategic position. It is to be seen whether the South American countries support a policy which is bound to be atoned for somehow."—International News Service.

BERLIN BOMB DAMAGE

Reports from inside Germany indicate that the German people are growing resentful at the contrast between German official admissions regarding the effect of R.A.F. raids and the true facts.

It is now disclosed that, although the Germans said no damage of military importance was caused, the Schlesischer railway junction in Berlin was recently put out of action for several days.

'Planes Battle Through Gale To Blitz

DETAILS OF THE R.A.F. attacks on Germany on Tuesday night were given in the following Air Ministry communique yesterday:—

In a gale of wind on Tuesday night a large force of aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked objectives at Mannheim, Frankfurt and Karlsruhe with conspicuous success.

On the outward and return journeys very bad weather was encountered but over the targets it was very clear and a great weight of the heaviest bombs was dropped inflicting severe and widespread damage.

Factories and railways at Aachen and docks at Ostend were among targets bombed during the night.

A Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol on Tuesday night bombed a large supply ship in the enemy-occupied port of Nantes.

Two direct hits on the ship were observed.

FROM THESE OPERATIONS NINE AIRCRAFT OF THE BOMBER COMMAND ARE MISSING.—REUTER.

In Nantes Harbour

Referring the bombing of the supply ship mentioned in the communique an Air Ministry bulletin states the ship was 400

feet long and alongside the quays of Nantes harbour.

Before any guns could open up the Beaufort pilot dived to a few hundred feet and flew along the ship from bows to stern. Heavy bombs struck at each end of the vessel and a column of smoke rose 80 feet from the stern.

Immediately afterwards from the bows came a great flash and a shower of sparks and light debris.

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COLONY'S RICE POLICY

(Continued from Page 1)

The very nature of the undertaking and its vast scope—the feeding of over one and a half million people—necessitate that the Rice Monopoly be run strictly on commercial lines if it is to be successful. But the Monopoly is a public institution and not a commercial enterprise, which would seek to make profits in order to pay dividends to shareholders. Properly regarded, the funds with which the Monopoly is financed are public funds, and while the Monopoly has no desire or intention to make profits from its transactions, it is equally important that it should operate in conformity with sound economic principles.

The price at which rice can be sold by the Monopoly is governed by several considerations, one of the most important being the price at which it can be replaced; and the factors which determine replacement cost are unfortunately to a large extent beyond the control of the Monopoly. In addition to its overhead expenses, which are comparatively small, the Monopoly has to meet interest charges and to prepare for the day when, the war having come to an end, it will have to dispose of its remainder stocks: consequently, in order to avoid a heavy ultimate loss falling on the taxpayer, it is necessary throughout the Monopoly's life gradually to reduce the value at which stocks stand on its books to the figure which it is estimated will then be the market price. In order that this may be achieved in due course it is essential that a margin should now be made between buying and selling. It should also be borne in mind that the cost of holding the large reserve of rice, which is considered necessary as a defence measure, is a direct charge on the income of the Monopoly and affects the price at which it can dispose of its stocks.

In arriving at that price it is the concern of the Board to import rice at the lowest possible cost and to handle and dispose of its stocks with all due economy. Administration in accordance with that policy should mean that rice is put upon the local market at the lowest prices consonant with commercial practice, except that no profit is sought. It is not the concern of the Board if those prices are beyond the means of a section of the population; and indeed they would be acting beyond their instructions were they to take that issue into consideration. That is a matter for the

Board's employer, the Government. If in the opinion of Government it is necessary to subsidise the food supplies of a part or the whole of the community the right way of doing so would be to vote revenue for the purpose.

Criticism of the Board on the score of the sale-prices set by it is justifiable only if for reasons within the Board's control the Board's costs are higher than is necessary. On that point Government is satisfied not only that the Board's sale-prices are in no way excessive but also that they are considerably lower than would be the case were rice imported in these abnormal times to be in private hands.

STOP PRESS

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT CARRIED BY THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING CORPORATION IN NEW YORK FROM ANKARA STATES THAT HITLER HAS OFFERED BRITAIN PEACE PROPOSALS INVOLVING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE GERMAN ARMIES FROM WESTERN EUROPE BUT MAINTAINING HIS POSITION IN THE BALKANS.—REUTER.

The O.S.K., one of the largest Japanese shipping lines, to-day announced the decision to close the branch offices in Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay, New York, Manila, Sydney, Mombasa, Capetown and Los Angeles, in view of the practical severance of economic relations with Britain and the United States following the freezing of Japanese assets.

The Japanese news agency says it is expected other shipping lines will follow suit.—Reuter.

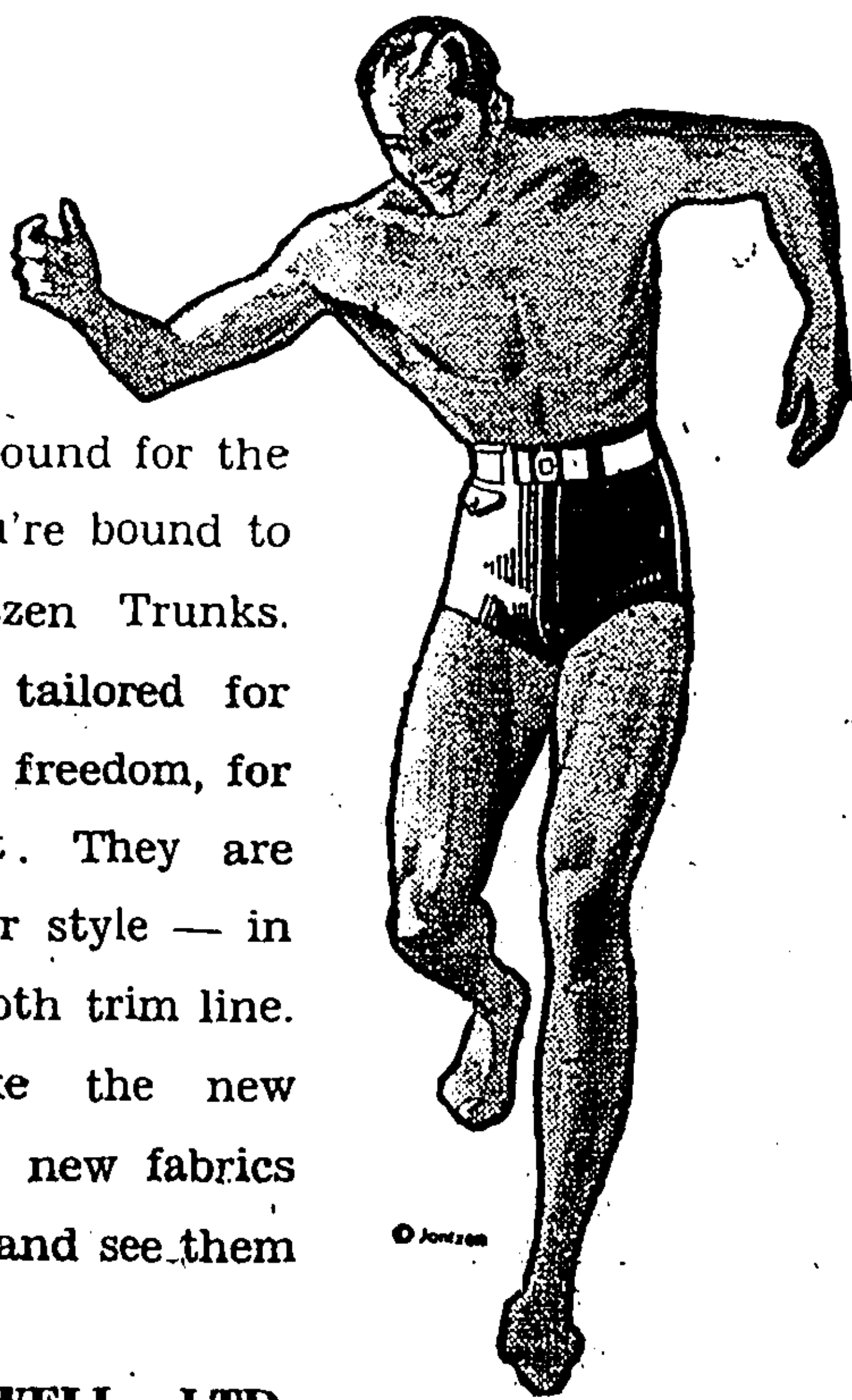
In reply to the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo's resolution on hawkers in Council this afternoon, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, for Government, said the matter would be referred back to the Urban Council. Government, he said, did not feel any useful purpose would be served by setting up a special investigating committee. It would be difficult to think of any body better fitted than the existing Urban Council. The by-laws made by Urban Council in July 2 will not be submitted to Legislative Council until further consideration has been given.

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The closure of the Pearl River is deemed unlikely than ever before, despite rumours current for the last month. There is no official information. The "Shirogane Maru" left for Hong Kong this morning.

The Japanese blockade on the bridge joining Shameen to the city was extended to cover the whole bund on August 1, and during the first two days foreigners were searched. However, this has ceased and conditions now are fairly satisfactory. Supplies are coming in normally. It is hoped to restore the old conditions shortly. The treatment of the "Fatshan" passengers has improved lately.

It is understood that British Consular representations to the Japanese regarding difficulties are receiving courteous and usually prompt attention.—Reuter Special.

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